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Mom trades children for cockatoo

CRIME A Louisiana woman is accused of trading two young children in her care for a pet cockatoo and $175 US cash from a couple who had been trying for years to have their own child, police said Thursday.

Donna Greenwell, 53, is charged with aggravated kidnapping, along with would-be adoptive parents Paul Romero, 46, and Brandy Lynn Romero, 27, of Evangeline Parish.

The transaction for the five-year-old boy and the four-year-old girl was negotiated by phone after Greenwell spotted a flier posted at a livestock barn selling a cockatoo for $1,500 and called the Romeros on Feb. 18, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Riding the Recession

Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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City hoops **Driving the lane**

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West Hill's Alex Arthur splits two Eastern Commerce defenders yesterday during the Toronto District School Board Quad-A senior boys' basketball championship at the University of Toronto Athletic Centre. Eastern Commerce beat West Hill 51-41.

Red ink warning

Economists predict Ontario's deficit could climb to $18B

There are new predictions that Ontario's deficit could climb as high as $18 billion over two years, leading a tide of red ink that's expected to wash over Canada.

TD chief economist Don Drummond said Thursday he's expecting Ontario to run a deficit of about $5 billion in the current fiscal year ending March 31 and another $13 billion in the next.

Previous estimates had pegged the province's deficit between $5 billion and $10 billion, taking into account its promises to bail out struggling automakers and match federal dollars for infrastructure projects meant to kick-start the ailing economy.

Plunging tax revenues coupled with increased spending on health care and infrastructure will put a big squeeze on the province's finances, Drummond said.

"You have a dramatically weakening Ontario economy, which is hitting their revenues, and at the same time, their spending continues to go up — again, largely driven by health care but certainly some contribution from infrastructure," Drummond said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Significant' deficit

• Premier Dalton McGuinty has warned of a "significant" deficit in the upcoming budget, adding it will take several years for the province's economy to get back on track.

Mumps ad spreading across the Internet

Mumps have gone viral — in a good way.

A cheeky new Ontario government ad blitz to raise awareness of mumps among young people has become an Internet hit, achieving notoriety on the influential U.S.-based website The Huffington Post.

And Health Minister David Caplan couldn't be happier with the province's campaign to let Ontarians born between 1970 and 1991 know they may need a second vaccination against measles, mumps, and rubella.

The spot that makes The Huffington Post's "nine weirdest PSAs (public service announcements) ever" list is set in a locker room after a hockey game.

A young man inside a plastic bubble, moaning in agony, rolls into the room.

"You missed the game. You don't look so good," says one of the players.

"I don't feel so good ... take a look at these," says bubble boy, unzipping his pants. The hockey player recoils in horror at the sight of his friend's swollen testicles.

"Oh, evil balls, put them away! Why am I looking at your balls? I don't like you," shouts the player as his mumps-afflicted buddy screams in pain.

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Infection

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Woman robbed in Don Mills-Eglinton area

Police are looking for three men who robbed and punched a 25-year-old woman Wednesday evening in North York near Eglinton Avenue East and Don Mills Road. Police say one man demanded the victim's wallet. After she hand it over a suspect punched her in the nose. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

MPP wants visual fire alarms installed

A member of the Ontario legislature wants to see visual fire alarms installed in all new provincial and municipal public buildings in Ontario. The Canadian Hearing Society says the private member's bill, proposed by Liberal backbencher Wayne Arthurs, left, would help the deaf and hard of hearing be alerted to a fire. Society CEO Kelly Duffin says traditional fire alarms are completely inaccessible to people who are deaf or have a hearing loss.

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Caught on tape murder case fizzles

Two accused freed after charges dropped

Citing a lack of evidence and no reasonable prospect for convictions, the Crown dropped first-degree murder charges yesterday against two men in connection with a fatal shooting that was captured on a surveillance video and posted online.

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Wendell Damian Cuff

The suspects, both 25, were charged in the March 2008 shooting of 18-year-old Abdikarim Ahmed Abdikarim, who was shot to death in the lobby of a west-end Toronto apartment building while hanging out with a group of friends. Five others were injured.

Owen Anthony Smith and Wendell Damian Cuff, who were in custody just under a year, were to be released Thursday.

An alleged gunman was caught on a surveillance camera shooting a firearm several times toward the victim. The video, which in a rare move was posted on YouTube last March by police in the hopes of solving the crime, has been viewed almost 47,000 times.

"The video clearly shows an individual shooting at other individuals, there's no doubt that it captures a very serious violent act," defence lawyer Boris Bytensky said outside the court.

"But the identity of that shooter has never been clear from the video. We can all watch that video a thousand times and you'll not be able to make out any detail from the shooter other than what he's doing."

The silent video doesn't actually show Abdikarim, who was fatally shot in the head, or his five friends who were injured.

Barlin Ali, a family friend of the victim, expressed outrage at the result.

"This is ridiculous, this is shameless, this is shame for the government of Canada," she said outside court.

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A cyclist rides on Harbord Street in Toronto on Wednesday.

Merchants on Bloor Street not against bike lanes: Report

PARKING Talk about removing street parking to put in bike lanes, and merchants complain it will cost them business.

But cycling advocates and environmentalists say that bit of conventional wisdom is an urban myth — one that needs to be challenged in the face of increasingly congested roads and plans for boosting public transit and other green initiatives.

They're touting a new study of the Annex neighbourhood as proof that a lively shopping district need not depend on street parking.

The research released this month by the Clean Air Partnership reveals that 75 per cent of merchants along Bloor Street between Spadina and Bathurst don't believe their businesses would suffer if the city removed street parking in favour of a bike lane or sidewalk widening, in part because sufficient parking exists in nearby municipal lots.

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Police evacuate Jane station

TTC A portion of the Bloor-Danforth subway line was shut down Thursday night after a suspicious package was found in Jane Station.

At about 8 p.m. Thursday, the TTC shut down subway service running between Islington and Keele stations.

TTC spokesperson Brad Ross confirmed that police arrived at the scene to investigate the incident.

"Shuttle buses are in service to replace the subway service," Ross said.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Monday's Metro

Comment

What has GO Transit done in the year since its riders complained en masse about late trains and poor communication? Read In Transit by Ed Drass on Monday.

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Etobicoke house fire kills one, injures two others

One man is dead and two others were taken to the hospital after a fire broke out inside a three-storey townhouse on Kendleton Drive, in Etobicoke's Finch Avenue West and Albion Road area, just before midnight Wednesday, said Toronto Fire Capt. David Eckerman. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wal-Mart to close Sam's Club stores

ECONOMY In a sign of the times, even Wal-Mart Canada Corp. is cutting costs.

Despite reporting stronger results than most retailers, Wal-Mart announced yesterday it is closing all six of its Sam's Club stores to focus on its growing "supercentre" business.

The move will affect 1,200 jobs, all in Ontario.

The company was unable to say how much money the closings would save. It spent $80 million five years ago to open the stores.

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Relatives urge driver to come forward

More than a week after a hit-and-run severely injured their loved ones, Alice Lee and Jim Jones still don't know who left the two women for dead on the side of the road.

There were few witnesses the morning of Feb. 17, police said, and none who could identify the driver.

Yesterday, Lee and Jones — strangers until the accident brought them together — urged the driver to step forward and face the consequences of their actions.

"Please, don't be a coward, be brave," pleaded Lee, whose sister Cecelia Chang, 59, suffered a broken pelvis and five broken ribs after being hit by two cars within minutes.

RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jim Jones, left, the husband of Cathleen Jones, who was struck by a car while acting as a Good Samaritan, and Alice Lee, sister of hit-and-run victim Cecelia Chang.

Chang was crossing Midland Avenue near McNicoll Avenue around 6:13 a.m. on her way to work when she was struck by a Toyota making a left turn, police said. The driver stopped to help, as did Cathleen Jones, another motorist.

But as the Good Samaritan tended to Chang, both women were hit by a second car — a black Honda Accord — travelling south on Midland at about 50 or 60 km/h, said Det. Const. Julie Mahoney, one of the investigating officers.

Jones, 53, is being treated for broken hips, pelvis, femur and ankles, Mahoney said.

Jim Jones, her husband, said it was "just natural for her" to help someone in distress, since she has CPR and emergency training.

Speaking to reporters yesterday from Sunnybrook Hospital, Lee and Jim Jones said the women's lives have been irrevocably changed by the accident.

"They'll never be the same," Jones said solemnly. "Because of the trauma and shock, (Cathleen)'s lost a lot of memory of the accident." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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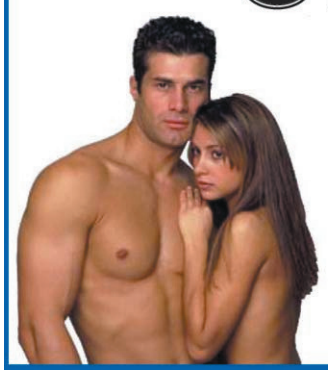

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Province ignored SARS: Lawyer

LAWSUIT The first nurse to die of SARS was served up as "expendable fodder" in the face of a "killer pathogen" that swept through Toronto hospitals while the provincial government assured the world the disease was conquered, the Ontario Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Provincial health officials took a "hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil" approach to SARS after the World Health Organization issued a travel advisory on April 23, 2003, warning tourists against visiting Toronto, argued lawyer Lisa Miron.

Miron represents the family of Nelia Laroza, one of five groups of plaintiffs who filed lawsuits against the Ontario government in the aftermath of the SARS crisis, which killed 44 people.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

BUDGET Opposition councillors who wanted to know the average salary of the city's non-union employees were rebuffed yesterday — and lectured for even seeking the information.

FIRE A kitchen fire left an 83-year-old man dead in the west end Thursday. The home is located on Claybrooke Street just north of Eglinton Avenue West in York.

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Quebec considering helmet law for winter sports

Quebec is looking at making helmets compulsory for several winter sports in the 2009-2010 season. Sports Minister Michelle Courchesne is echoing arguments by an association of provincial emergency medical specialists that helmets are needed to prevent head injuries in some winter activities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Cracking down on gangs

The federal government has introduced new legislation that would label gang killings as first-degree murder, carrying a sentence of 25 years without parole. The bill, introduced by Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, left, will also create a new offence for drive-by shootings. These attacks would carry a minimum sentence of four years in prison and a maximum of 14 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds unveil $3B stimulus stash

The Harper government is creating a $3 billion fund to fast-track economic stimulus cash and begin pumping it out within weeks — a move rivals call a recipe for a boondoggle.

The fund would let money start filtering down April 1, nearly three months sooner than the traditional period in which Parliament endorses supplementary budget spending.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper warned opponents they risk triggering an election should they vote against the fund.

But the threat appeared unnecessary. While the Liberals expressed concern that they were being asked to sign a blank cheque, they offered no indication they would block the government's stimulus measures.

Still, the Bloc Québécois called it a slush fund and the NDP warned the conditions are in place for another sponsorship scandal.

Even the Conservatives admitted the spending stampede could result in waste.

Harper agreed there are some long-term risks associated with the stimulus package, but he argued that the short-term danger is greater.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Promise

- The government has promised to speed up infrastructure projects by reducing regulatory procedures.

B.C. SkyTrain funding

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, and British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell check out a rapid-transit rail car Thursday in Burnaby, B.C., before announcing funding for a new SkyTrain linking Burnaby and Coquitlam through Port Moody.

Library's recession-friendly Museum and Arts pass grows

Riding the Recession

ECONOMY Perhaps one of the best recession-friendly programs in the country is the Toronto Public Library's Museum and Arts Pass Program.

The pass, which is available currently at 32 of the system's 99 branch libraries, gives access for a family of up to five to any of a list of popular locales in the GTA including: the Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Science Centre and Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Starting March 7, the pass program will be expanded to all 99 branches in the GTA.

Across the country, libraries are struggling for funding. Some cities, like Calgary charge for access to the library. Others, like the Halifax library say they will have to start charging if funding isn't increased.

METRO CANADA

News in brief

RESCUE The RCMP admitted Thursday they should have acted sooner when they found out someone had marked out an SOS on a mountainside where two skiers were lost. At a news conference in Golden, B.C., RCMP Cpl. Dan Moskaluk explained that RCMP was told by the nearby Kicking Horse ski resort that it didn't know of any missing or overdue skiers, so the Mounties decided not to investigate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Alberta to delay capital projects
Alberta will delay about $480 million in capital projects this year as it deals with its deteriorating finances. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scathing report

Watchdog blasts access-to-information law

There are serious flaws in the administration of the federal access-to-information law, says Information Commissioner Robert Marleau.

In a scathing report, Marleau gives six of 10 federal agencies poor grades on their compliance with a law that is supposed to give the Canadian public access to government files. He calls the situation a "major information management crisis."

"There are major delays, particularly with extensions, with some institutions routinely taking months to respond to information requests," Marleau said.

"Canadians expect and deserve far greater efficiency and accountability from their government."

The information watchdog cites National Defence, Canada Border Services Agency, Foreign Affairs, Health Canada, Public Works and the RCMP for their lack of co-operation and efficiency in sharing information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crisis exacerbated

- The reasons for the delays and other problems include excessive work loads, lack of resources and inefficient processes, Information Commissioner Robert Marleau said, adding the crisis has been exacerbated by a failure to keep up with rapid technological developments.

Officers were looking for fight, says Dziekanski's mom's lawyer

VANCOUVER RCMP officers arrived at the Vancouver airport looking for a fight, a lawyer for Robert Dziekanski's mother said Thursday.

Const. Bill Bentley has told a public inquiry into Dziekanski's death the officers didn't have a plan the night Dziekanski died in October 2007, and only used a Taser when he became resistant and picked up a stapler.

Walter Kosteckyj, the lawyer for Dziekanski's mother, suggested the officers arrived looking for a fight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

INQUIRY Paranoia that officials in eastern Ontario engaged in the sexual abuse of children for decades can be blamed on corrupt witnesses and a police officer suffering from mental health issues, a public inquiry heard Thursday. Lawyer David Sherriff-Scott presented to the Cornwall inquiry his version of the complex tale that has gripped the city for years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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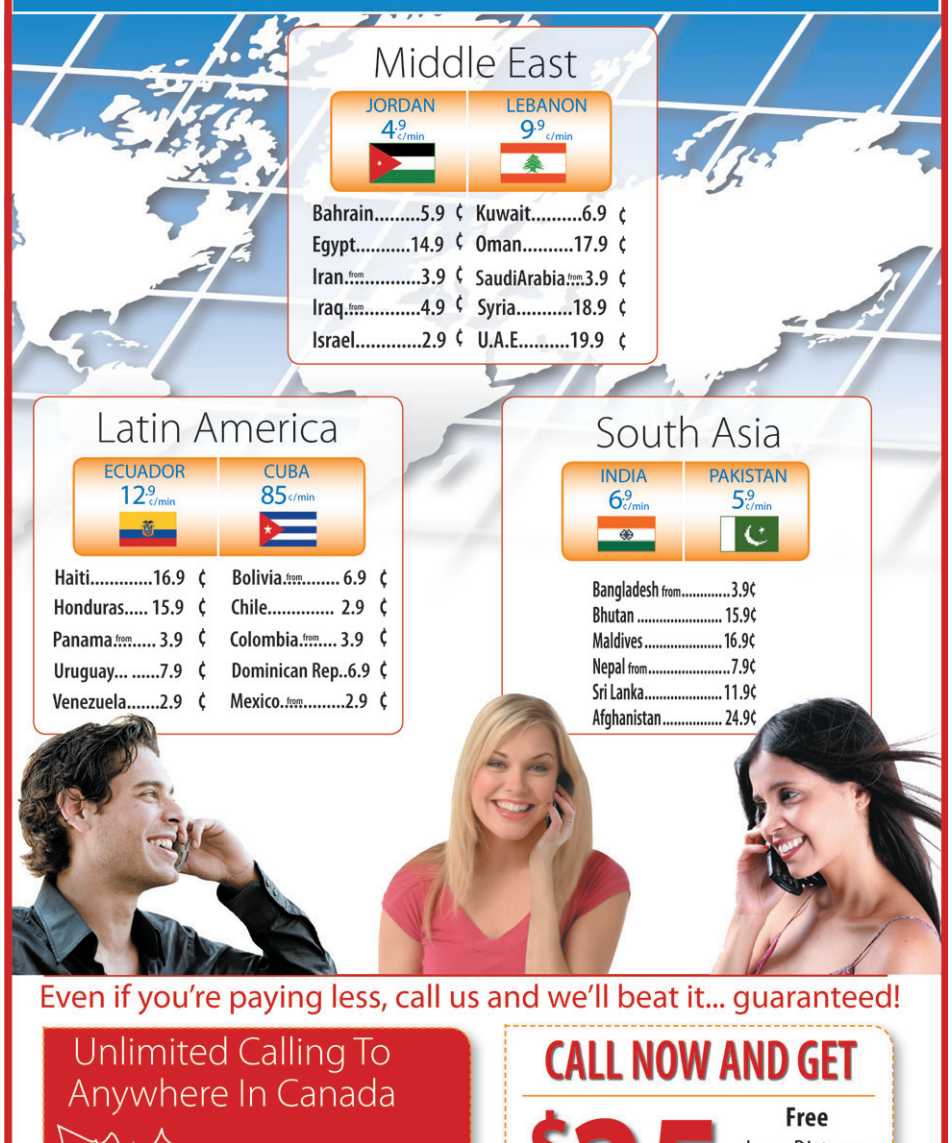

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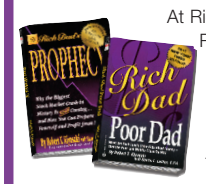

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Robert Kiyosaki will not attend this workshop.

Stalling engine may have caused deadly Amsterdam plane crash
The chief investigator into the Turkish Airlines plane crash in the Netherlands said engine trouble may be a factor. The crash killed nine people and injured 86. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Afghan mission cost $11.3B, feds reveal

Harper's initial estimate was $8B by 2011

The direct cost of Canada's 10-year involvement in Afghanistan is estimated to be $11.3 billion, the federal government has quietly revealed.

It is the first complete fiscal accounting of the mission, which Prime Minister Stephen Harper last year said would run in the neighbourhood of $8 billion by the time the combat mission ends in 2011.

The figures were posted Tuesday on the Privy Council Office's Task Force Afghanistan web site.

The forecast runs considerably less than the $13.9 billion to $18.3 billion estimate parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page issued last October

The incremental estimate does not include post-2011 disability and health care for soldiers wounded in battle or experiencing post-traumatic stress.

The new numbers suggest almost 80 per cent of the price tag — $9 billion — will be for military operations. The $2.3 billion spent by the civilian side breaks down as follows:

- $1.7 billion for reconstruction and aid through the Canadian International Development Agency.
- $400 million for the Department of Foreign Affairs, the RCMP and Correctional Services
- $150 million for existing Veterans Affairs benefits.

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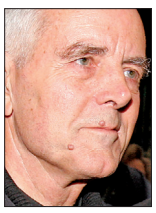
Holocaust-denying U.K. bishop makes apology

VATICAN A Catholic news agency says that a British bishop who had denied the Holocaust has apologized for his remarks.

Bishop Richard Williamson was shown in a Swedish state TV interview saying evidence indicates there were no Nazi gas chambers and that a maximum of 300,000 people died in concentration camps. His remarks caused widespread outrage.



Richard Williamson

Pope Benedict had lifted a 20-year-old excommunication decree on Williamson and three other bishops who had been consecrated without Vatican approval.

The Zenit Catholic news agency says that Williamson expressed regret for the statements and quoted him as saying that to all who took offence, "before God I apologize."

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News in brief

BANGLADESH The government says all the mutinous border guards who seized control of their headquarters in Dhaka have surrendered after a two-day revolt. Officials say 11 bodies have been found at or near the compound. They had earlier feared that more people were killed. The guards had agreed to surrender after the government promised them an amnesty and agreed to look into their demands for better conditions. But the process stalled, and was only completed Thursday after the government sent tanks into the capital in a show of force. Military officials trapped inside were evacuated. THE ASSOCIATED

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Media can photograph U.S. flag-draped caskets
News agencies will be allowed to photograph homecomings of war dead under a new Pentagon policy, if families agree. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama vows to slash spending by $2 trillion

U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday stressed the need for shared sacrifice as he vowed to slash federal spending by $2 trillion US, even as the administration initially invested large sums of money to revive the faltering economy.

On the day he proposed a $3 trillion-plus budget, Obama acknowledged that "we must add to our debt in the short run" to restore American business vitality. But at the same time, he said lowering the debt in the longer-term would be the only responsible approach to the country's fiscal policies.

"Each and every one of us has to compromise on certain things we care about, but which we simply cannot afford right now," the president told reporters.

Obama

Obama pushed a message of sacrifice, saying that won't please some interest groups but that he plans to "bring the change that people voted for last November."

Administration officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, earlier told The Associated Press that the new blueprint predicts a whopping $1.75 trillion deficit in the current budget year.

Obama said his budget would move the country toward health care for all, expand bank rescues, roll up bigger deficits and slap higher costs on wealthy people to help pay for it all.

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Iraq insurgent pleads guilty

IRAQ The first insurgent from the Iraq war prosecuted in U.S. courts has pleaded guilty to planting roadside bombs in a deal that carries a 25-year prison sentence. How much time he actually spends in prison will be up to the Netherlands.

Iraqi-born Dutch citizen Wesam al-Delaema pleaded guilty to conspiracy to murder Americans outside the United States, a charge that can carry a sentence of up to life in prison and a $250,000 US fine. He and his fellow "Mujahideen from Fallujah" videotaped themselves planting remote-control explosives along a road but they did not cause any deaths.

The U.S. Justice Department and al-Delaema have agreed he will be sentenced to 25 years with no fine. But Al-Delaema could end up with a lighter penalty because the agreement also said he will be returned to the Netherlands to serve his sentence, where a Dutch judge will determine how much time he should serve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel hits smuggling tunnels

GAZA Hamas officials say Israeli aircraft have attacked tunnels in the Gaza Strip but no injuries have been reported.

The Israeli military has no immediate comment.

Earlier Thursday, the military said militants fired two rockets at Israel from Gaza but no one was hurt.

Gazans use the tunnels under the border with Egypt to smuggle weapons, food and other goods into the blockaded territory. Ending the arms smuggling was one objective of the three-week military offensive Israel recently conducted in Gaza.

An informal ceasefire ended the war but there has been sporadic violence since. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

MEXICO Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora says more than 1,000 people have been killed in drug violence in the first eight weeks of 2009. Medina Mora says he believes drug violence in Mexico is reaching its peak, with 6,290 people killed in 2008. He says the violence suggests cartels are "melting down" amid turf wars and a government crackdown.

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The allure of fake guns spells trouble

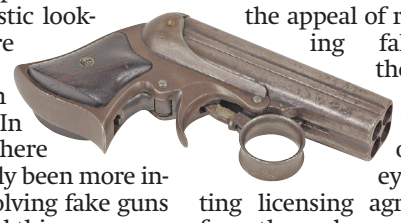
Marketplace

"Get your wallets, or I'll shoot her!" yelled the gunman, as he put his weapon to Pat Johnson's head. He'd just walked into the antique store she manages in Vancouver's swanky Shaughnessy district.

When he turned away, some colleagues tackled him to the ground, sending his weapon flying. But the gunman's arrest wasn't the end of the story. When officers picked up the gun for evidence, they learned it was an imitation — a BB gun, made to look just like the real thing.

Of course, that didn't make it any less traumatic for Johnson. "A gun's a gun," she says. "And we were all terrified."

And it seems, that's what criminals are learning, too. Police across Canada say fake guns that look real are being used in more and more crimes. They're used in car-jackings, bank robberies and convenience store hold ups, too.



And realistic looking guns are causing problems in schools. In Toronto, there have recently been more incidents involving fake guns than the real thing.

So what's the attraction? Well, for one, young people tell us it's fun to shoot a BB gun that looks just like a cop's. And these fakes are easy to buy. In most parts of Canada, there are no age requirements around who can buy a realistic looking gun.

Manufacturers sure know the appeal of real looking fakes — they're making buckets of money, by getting licensing agreements from the real gun manufacturers to make theirs as real as possible.

And criminals know that it's perfectly legal to carry a real-looking gun, and no permit's required to get one.

For the cops? It all spells big trouble. When they get a "gun call," they respond as though the person — young or old — is carrying a real gun. In Canada, that's lead to unnecessary shootings and fatalities.

Over the years, numerous coroner's juries, and police at all levels have called on the federal government to tighten up the laws when it comes to these fake guns. Some cops want the imitations outright banned. Others want a "must be 18 to buy and possess" law. And others say you should have to have a license to buy a gun that looks like the real deal.

The federal government says it's looking at the issue — a "working group" was struck two years ago. While we wait for its recommendations, store manager Pat Johnson has installed tighter security at her shop, so now any "customers" have to be buzzed in.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. (9 p.m. NT) on CBC Television.

Funding Toronto transit ethically

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The debate over whether TTC fares should rise by 20 cents so that the property tax increase for Toronto homeowners can be held to two per cent is a good case study in ethical budget making.

Michael Gillette, an American ethicist who helps municipalities make these sorts of difficult decisions, said in an interview he would need more information before pronouncing on Toronto's situation. But he offered some guidelines. Gillette, who is also a city councillor in Lynchburg, Va., said his first question is whether providing public transit is something the community believes city government should do for citizens.

Thousands ... rely on transit, including the city's most financially vulnerable.

In Toronto, the answer is clearly yes. This means we've decided the TTC is not something paid for only by the people who use it. It means we have decided collectively to subsidize the system through taxes because it is something we value for its convenience, for environmental reasons and for equity considerations, that is ensuring the least advantaged can get from A to B.

Gillette pointed out, however, that other factors need to be considered in the property-tax-versus-fare hike debate. Ethical decision making also requires comparing both the number of people hurt by one choice or the other and the damage that will be done to the affected parties.

Thousands of Torontonians rely on transit, including the city's most financially vulnerable. Higher transit fares will make it tougher for them to earn a living and cope with everyday life. They don't have transportation alternatives.

Raising property taxes by four per cent, on the other hand, will cost the owner of a $387,000 home an additional $90. But more than 91,000 of the lowest-income owners will qualify for city programs that permit the deferral or cancellation of property tax increases. The most vulnerable, in other words, are protected.

"Budget documents," Gillette notes, "are fundamentally value documents. If I want to know what you value, I'll look at what you spend your money on." He would also look at who is asked to pay.

In this case, it should not be transit riders.

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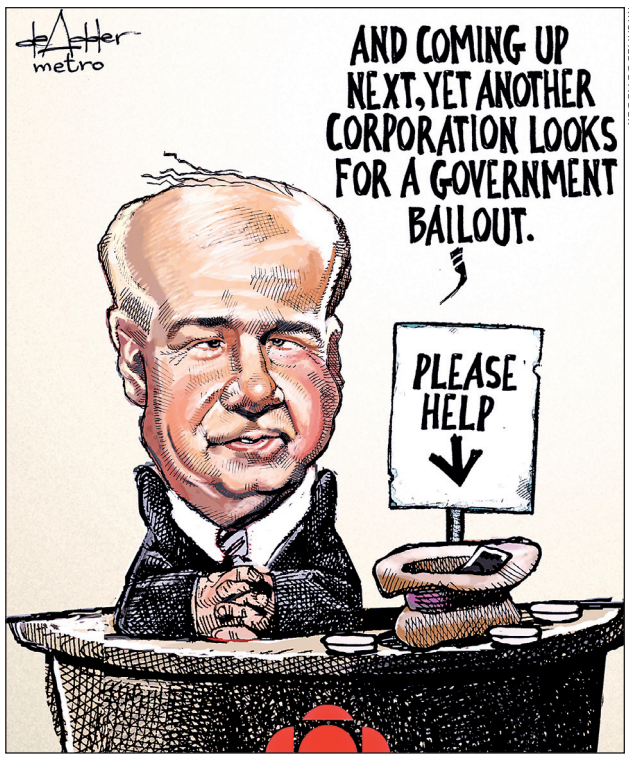

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Bridgewater Systems posts $2.76-million profit

Bridgewater Systems, a mobile software services company, recorded a slight gain in profit while revenue rose as the company added new customers. Net income for the year was $2.76 million, up slightly from $2.74 million a year ago. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Business in brief

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BANKING National Bank of Canada says costs associated with its involvement in asset backed commercial paper investments dragged down its first-quarter profit by more than 70 per cent. The country's sixth-largest chartered bank's net income for the quarter ended Jan. 31 fell to $69 million, down from $255 million a year earlier. By far the biggest reason for lower profit was asset-backed commercial paper, or ABCP.

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Torstar CEO leaving

Torstar Corp., the publisher of the Toronto Star and other papers, is replacing its CEO, slashing its dividend and warning of further restructuring and job cuts after a huge $211.2-million quarterly loss.

Outgoing president and CEO Robert Prichard told analysts Thursday the company has been reining in operating costs, but that hasn't been enough to turn the business around.

Prichard will step down as CEO at the company's annual meeting this spring. His departure also involves other executive shuffling at the media company that will see former Toronto Star publisher John Honderich become chairman of the company.

Honderich is part of the family trust that controls the newspaper company and stepped aside as publisher after 15 years at the helm of Canada's largest paper about three years after Prichard became CEO of the parent company in 2001.

Honderich will replace Frank Iacobucci, the former Supreme Court of Canada judge who has been Torstar chairman since 2005.

In another development, Torstar also slashed its annual dividend in half to 37 cents a share from 74 cents to conserve cash.

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Torstar president and CEO Robert Prichard, pictured in this April 2008 photo, is stepping down from his post in spring.

CIBC makes $147M profit in first quarter

BANKING The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has reported a first-quarter profit of $147 million, better than its year-ago loss of $1.46 billion but still reflecting hundreds of millions of dollars of lingering pain from its entanglement in exotic credit instruments in the United States.

CIBC said Thursday its revenue was $2.02 billion in the November-January period, up from negative revenue of $521 million in the year-earlier quarter when it endured massive charges.

The latest quarter included a hit of $708 million, or $483 million after tax, as the bank continued to run off U.S. structured credit activities.

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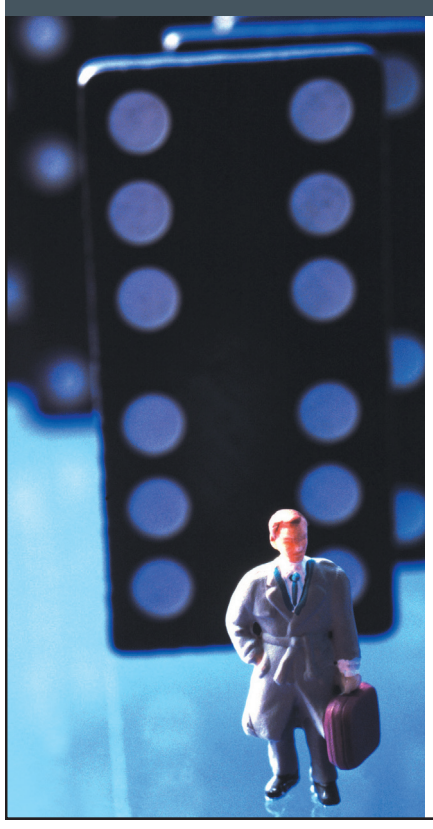

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Chinese firm taking over Calgary-based Verenex
Calgary-based Verenex Energy has become the latest Canadian oil and gas company to be bought out by a foreign firm, agreeing Thursday to a $499-million takeover offer from a subsidiary of state-owned China National Petroleum Corp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GM posts $9.6B loss

Says it needs $30B to avoid bankruptcy

General Motors Corp. posted a $9.6-billion US fourth-quarter loss and said it used $6.2 billion cash in the last three months of 2008 as it fought the worst U.S. auto sales climate since 1982.

The largest U.S. domestic automaker said Thursday it lost $30.9 billion US for the full year and expects to state in its upcoming annual report whether its auditors believe the company remains a "going concern."

Restructuring

- General Motors plans to cut 47,000 jobs around the world as it restructures with government loans in the United States and Canada. That figure includes 4,000 jobs GM has already announced it will cut at operations in Oshawa and Windsor over the next year.

GM and its auditors must determine whether there is substantial doubt about the automaker's ability to continue it operations.

Chief financial officer Ray Young said the determination will depend a lot on whether GM gets further government loans.

The company has received $13.4 billion US in federal loans since Dec. 31 and says it needs up to $30 billion to stay out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soft drink maker says revenue fell

POP Cott Corp., the world's third-largest soft drink maker, says last year's fourth-quarter revenue fell more than 10 per cent compared with 2007.

Overall revenue declined to $371.4 million US, from $413.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2007. But revenue from the United States and Canada, Cott's home base, fell by only 2.3 per cent, or $6.5 million, to $278.4 million US. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Royal Bank begins financial year with $1.05-billion profit

BANKING The near-collapse of the world's financial system is not linked to any single failure — though excessive risk taking by banks, lax review by regulators, low interest rates and rising consumer debt probably had a lot to do with it, Royal Bank of Canada CEO Gord Nixon told shareholders at its annual meeting.

Canada's biggest bank said its first-quarter profits fell to $1.05 billion, down 15 per cent from the previous year's $1.25 billion but above levels expected by most analysts.

Nixon said, despite some reports, "lending activity at Canada's banks did not contract in 2008."

He said credit spreads have increased but its loan book grew by 13 per cent and loans to individuals were up 2.3 per cent in the quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Vick to finish sentence at home

Michael Vick will be allowed to serve the last two months of his federal prison sentence for bankrolling a dog fighting ring under home confinement because there is no room at a halfway house for him, a U.S. government official said Thursday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

"I'm Madonna's fan. I was hoping she'd show up."

U.S. World Baseball Classic manager Davey Johnson, on how he hoped Alex Rodriguez would play for the U.S. rather than the Dominican Republic in the upcoming tournament. On Thursday, Rodriguez was told by the New York Yankees to keep his cousin Yuri Sucart away from ballparks. Rodriguez previously identified Sucart as the cousin who provided him with performance-enhancing drugs. After Wednesday's Grapefruit League game against Toronto, Sucart was seen picking up Rodriguez from Dunedin Stadium in an SUV. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sports in brief

MLB North Vancouver, B.C., native Scott Richmond pitched two shutout innings in a 6-2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies in Clearwater, Fla., Thursday, helping earn the Blue Jays their first Grapefruit League win of the spring.

NHL The Montreal Canadiens acquired defenceman Doug Janik Thursday from the Dallas Stars in exchange for forward Steve Begin. Janik has spent the majority of the season in the AHL.

NHL The Pittsburgh Penguins traded forward Ryan Whitney to Anaheim Thursday for forward Chris Kunitz and prospect Eric Tangradi.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Leafs may be getting wiser

TheHockeyNews

Ryan Kennedy

thehockeynews.com

With THN's annual Future Watch special issue about to be unleashed on the streets, I thought it would be prudent to give readers a sneak peek of how the Maple Leafs rank in the youth department: Not well.

Is that a shocker? Not particularly. With the exception of draft dandy Luke Schenn and hopeful goalie of the future Justin Pogge, the Buds are devoid of young high-end talent, compared to the rest of the league. In fact, only New Jersey — it of the veteran-laden and playoff-bound Devils — ranked lower.

A revolving door of team brass in the past couple seasons played a big role in this. Though, so far, none of the GMs have done the team any favours by stocking up on draft picks, let alone high draft picks, in an attempt to restock what was pretty much always an empty cupboard.

As of today, the Leafs head into this summer's entry draft with just five selections, the second-least amount of picks in the NHL, tied with a cluster of teams and one better than San Jose, a team that will contend for the Stanley Cup this year. The Leafs have an infamous history of crushing young souls by mishandling them in a variety of manners, from Jeff Ware and Jeff Farkas all the way up to Carlo Colaiacovo and Alex Steen, the latter two of which are now finding room to breathe in St. Louis.

The fact Schenn was able to step right into the Leafs' lineup this year was certainly a blessing, but at least new coach Ron Wilson was pragmatic about expectations. If this is the philosophy going forward regarding Toronto prospects, it's a sound one.

Leafs On Long Island

JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kyle Okposo of the Islanders steals the puck away from Mikhail Grabovski Thursday. For a game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Woods out in second round

GOLF One day after a return to golf, Tiger Woods was on his way home. Tim Clark of South Africa played 16 holes without a bogey and pulled ahead for good on the back nine Thursday, knocking Woods out of the Accenture Match Play Championship with a 4-and-2 victory.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eastern Commerce champs again

HS BASKETBALL With a 51-41 win Thursday over West Hill, and a third consecutive Toronto District School Board Quad-A title, Eastern Commerce has likely grabbed the No. 1 ranking in the provincial playoffs. The Saints, with an overall 34-2 record, return to Windsor for the playoffs, where in 2001 they won their first of four Ontario titles.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Shawn Marion returns to his old playground

Phoenix is the city where Shawn Marion became a four-time NBA all-star, one of the main players in the high-octane Suns' act that entertained fans around the NBA like they had seldom been entertained and got his team within a game of playing for a championship.

Marion has returned with the Raptors and instead of getting wistful about what was and what might have been, he's taking a decidedly low-key approach to tonight's Toronto-Phoenix game.

"It'll be cool, my mother's going to meet me out there, I've got old friends out there," Marion said in anticipation of his return.

Far more a focal point of the offence in Toronto than he ever was in Miami, the 30-year-old has provided a boost to the Raptors with his athleticism, court savvy and ability to find space to rebound and score.

"He's giving us a lot of what we need, a lot of what we've been doing has come off plays Shawn has made," said coach Jay Triano.

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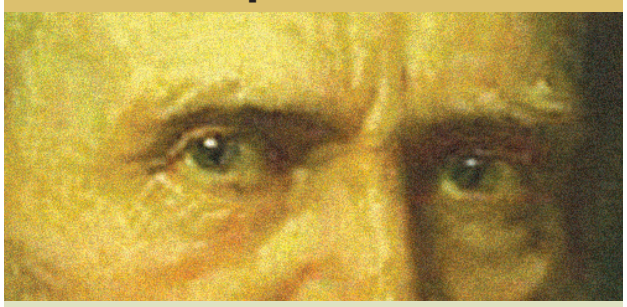

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When it came to filling the boots of The Watchmen's various superheroes, director Zack Snyder took some potentially commercially ruinous risks — casting a lot of actors that are relatively unknown to Hollywood's big blockbuster films.

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Grammy-nominated Sara Bareilles shares her Voice.

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Tom Green promises a wild Celebrity Apprentice season.

Blanchett joins Robin Hood

Cate Blanchett is to play Maid Marian opposite Russell Crowe's Robin Hood in a new movie about the medieval hero. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button star will replace Sienna Miller in the epic, which will be directed by Ridley Scott. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Behind the masks

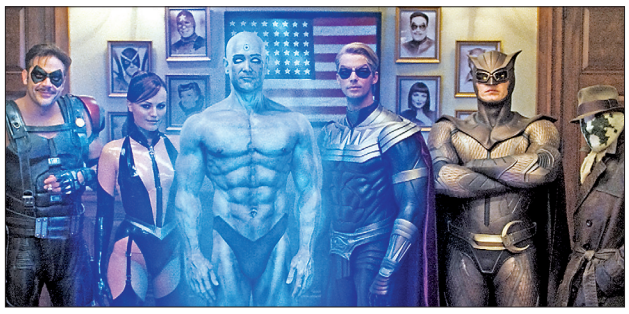
Director Snyder avoids big names in Watchmen

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

When it came time to fill the platform boots of Watchmen's various morally ambiguous superheroes, director Zack Snyder took some potentially commercially ruinous risks.

Big names like Tom Cruise had been long bandied about, but that level of baggage-bringing star power didn't sit well with the controversial filmmaker, so instead, he opted to cast a slew of critically celebrated but lesser known artists.

This meant bringing actors to the fold who weren't known for donning latex tights and navigating tricky special effects; people like Billy Crudup (Almost Famous), Oscar-nominated former child star Jackie Earle Haley (Little Children), Matthew Goode (Match Point), Patrick Wilson (Hard Candy) and Malin Akerman (The Heartbreak Kid).



Graphic novel Watchmen's reluctant superheroes come to life on the silver screen next Friday.

Not exactly the roster you expect for a comic book film, but then again, dismissing Alan Moore's revered graphic novel as just a comic book is like calling Crime and Punishment a thriller.

Movie **feature**

"None of us wanted to veer too far away from the source material, because it's perfect as it was," says Akerman, who plays the central role of Laurie, a.k.a. Silk Spectre II.

The more or less faithfully adapted film sees a battered, bizarre version of mid-'80s America, still in the grip of the Cold War and littered with masked vigilantes whose personal and social problems leak out into their crime fighting work.

"These are people who are convinced they are doing the right thing," says Haley, who plays the film's most unbalanced character, the mask-and-fedora wearing Rorschach. "Rorschach is a product of his childhood, his upbringing and even though he's psychotic, he's not a bad person."

One of the pivotal figures in Watchmen is the not-quite-human Dr. Manhattan, a former scientist who gets disintegrated in a lab mishap only to re-particalize as a blue tinted, physically anamorphous superman.

And while that description doesn't seem much like the handsome, unassuming Billy Crudup, with the aid of special effects, he had little trouble filling Manhattan's supernatural shoes. "I've had people ask me how much of the performance is me," says the actor of his digitally tweaked turn. "It was basically all mine. Sure, there was this puppet version of me in the computer, an exact replica of me that's a different hue, but I was wired to it and had complete control of every facial tick and physical nuance."

But while Haley may focus on the less negative psychological aspects of the Watchmen, co-star Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who plays the effortlessly homicidal Comedian, has a different take.

"If these guys weren't on the streets trying to save people, they'd all be in prison ... or worse," Morgan says.

Balaban's Week of grand Canadiana

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Joshua Jackson and Liane Balaban star in One Week.

FEATURE One week after wrapping production of Canadian film One Week, Liane Balaban jetted off to London to play Dustin Hoffman's daughter in Last Chance Harvey.

She went from the campy directorial stylings of Michael McGowan straight to the glitz and glamour of a big Hollywood production. But the funny thing, said the 28-year-old with a laugh, was that Last Chance Harvey was Hoffman's low-budget project.

"They had T-shirts made up that said LCH (Last Chance Harvey) LBF (Low Budget Film)," said Balaban, who first appeared on the Canadian movie scene in 1999's New Waterford Girl.

She played 15-year-old Mooney Pottie in the critically acclaimed film about a young girl stifled by her upbringing in a small, Cape Breton coal-mining town.

Since then, she's acted in a range of productions including Definitely, Maybe with Ryan Reynolds; Happy Here and Now with David Arquette; and she just completed filming Coach with Hugh Dancy.

At the same time, she's held tight to her Canadian roots, finishing a political science degree at Concordia University, studying journalism at Ryerson and residing — for the most part — in Montreal with her fiancé, author and journalist Adam Gollner.

In One Week, Balaban plays Samantha Pierce, the fiancée of Ben Taylor (Joshua Jackson), who is diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and given little time to live. The Dawson's Creek star's character spontaneously buys an $8,000 motorcycle and begins a journey across Canada before giving in to his illness and inevitable treatment.

What struck Balaban most about the film was that so much came out of such little time and financing. "I was so impressed that such a tiny film was able to capture so much of the grandeur of Canada," she said.

• One Week opens in theatres March 6.

Total Recall remake planned
Columbia Pictures has announced plans to remake Total Recall. The studio is set to team up with producer Neal Moritz's Original Films to remake the Arnold Schwarzenegger sci-fi actioner ... despite the fact that it's just 19 years old. **IMDB.COM**

It's Not Me stunning

It's Not Me, **I Swear**

Director: Philippe Falardeau
Stars: Antoine L'Ecuyer, Suzanne Clement
Classification: STC
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

It's Not Me, I Swear is not only one of the best Canadian films of the year, it's also one of the most honest and refreshingly unsentimental views of childhood to appear onscreen in quite a while.

Working from a novel by Bruno Hebert, director Philippe Falardeau has crafted a deadpan comedy about childhood depression that will ring uncomfortably true for many viewers and should entertain just about anyone.

Frequently critics feel the need to judge Canadian films on a sliding scale and with kid gloves, making concessions for anything that's watchable to encourage the national film industry. Fortunately, there's no need for overzealous praise here. It's Not Me, I Swear is an excellent film regardless of the country of origin.

Antoine L'Ecuyer plays a troubled 10-year-old in It's Not Me, I Swear.

Antoine L'Ecuyer stars as Leon, a troubled 10-year-old boy whose mother encourages him to egg his irritating neighbour's house and drops parental lessons, like: "It's bad to lie, but worse to lie badly."

Leon's fragile world falls apart when his impulsive mother suddenly moves to Greece to become an artist, leaving Leon on his own for a summer of petty theft, vandalism, attempted suicide, love, and yes, even lessons learned (sniff). Falardeau's observations about childhood might not be groundbreaking, but they are presented in such a lively cinematic style and laced with such vicious black comedy that what's old feels new.

The performances from the entire cast are strong (as is necessary in such a delicate character driven story), but special notice must be given to the brilliant young actors Antoine L'Ecuyer (Leon) and Catherine Faucher (Leon's only friend).

The child performers have the difficult task of playing depressed children who are mature beyond their age. Were adults to give the same performances they would be stunning, to see them come from such young actors is extraordinary.

It's Not Me, I Swear is a quite special little movie that will hopefully get some deserved recognition in this country and elsewhere.

Quebec's Lost Song skillfully composed

Lost **Song**

Director: Rodrigue Jean
Stars: Suzie LeBlanc, Patrick Goyette
Classification: 14A
Rating:

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW The last few years have been a fertile period for independent productions in Quebec, but the films have had a hard time breaking through in the rest of country.

Buoyed by a slew of awards (including the best Canadian feature prize at the Toronto International Film Festival) Rodrigue Jean's Lost Song may be poised to reverse the trend, although it's hardly a commercially driven piece of filmmaking: In fact, its subject matter is actually rather taboo.

Elisabeth (Suzie LeBlanc) is an opera singer in her late thirties who has had her first child after an apparently troubled pregnancy; as the film opens, she's heading into the country with her husband (Patrick Goyette) to convalesce with the help of his mother (Ginette Morin).

The set-up suggests that the drama will revolve around a tetchy child-rearing triangle, but Elisabeth's adversary isn't her vaguely disapproving mother-in-law: It's her own post-partum depression, which manifests itself in a variety of odd and even frightening behaviours.

The other characters keep Elisabeth at a distance, but Jean's probing camera stays close at hand, skillfully trapping us in a double bind of identification: Our concern for this obviously troubled woman is coloured by the creeping realization that her newborn baby is even more vulnerable to her mood swings than she is.

Some have argued that the film's measured pacing is just a delay tactic en route to a preordained tragedy, but Lost Song is more empathetic than it is exploitative.

Weir returns with WWII epic

Peter Weir has broken his six-year film dormancy by kicking off principal photography on his next project, the Second World War Siberian exile epic, The Way Back. The film stars Colin Farrell and Jim Sturgess. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Reel Time

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A scene from Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience.

Jonas strictly for tweens

Jonas Brothers: **The 3-D Concert Experience**

Director: Bruce Hendricks
Stars: Joe Jonas. Nick Jonas
Classification: G
Rating: 🌐🌐

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Do you know that TV ad where a thirtysomething guy is asked if he wants to experience something "youthful"?

You know the one — suddenly the slackjawed chap slips into some surreal flashback set to bad pop music only to snap out of it and pronounce he'll stick with his Diet Pepsi. Well, unless you're a 12-year-old girl, watching Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience is a bit like that.

Even at 76 minutes, this concert film starring today's hottest Disney-mined pop act is a pretty laboured sit for anyone who doesn't appreciate the unbridled adulation of youthful screaming in their ears or bland, indistinctive pop songs that blend into each other like soft cheese melting in a fondue pot.

Directed by Bruce Hendricks (who successfully put the same treatment on a Miley Cyrus concert last year), this film mixes the boys' stage performance (who are more interesting when they're practising gymnastics on stage than performing music) with random backstage antics — which seem almost as choreographed as the cookie-cutter concert.

Even the 3-D isn't used as effectively as it could be. Sure, every so often a guitar pick is thrown in your face but even that had to be enhanced by computer effects.

Then again, it doesn't really matter what I say — this movie wasn't made for me. It's for the thousands of energetic tweens that plaster their bedroom walls with Joe Jonas posters. For those girls, the trio's non-threatening stage swagger and duets with fellow teen idols Demi Lovato and Taylor Swift will be completely gratifying.

As for accompanying parents, well, I say enjoy it too. In about two more years, that little darling might be listening to Marilyn Manson.

On the web

- Visit metronews.ca/movies for images from Jonas Brothers: The 3-D Concert Experience and for local screen times.

Virtual JFK explores Vietnam 'what ifs'

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

FEATURE It's been said that everything in history hinges on the length of Cleopatra's nose; had it been bigger, Marc Antony might have never fallen in love with her, changing the course of the Roman Empire and everything that came after.

Counter-factual history like this is generally derided in academic circles due to the number of "what ifs" involved. But it's through this lens that Virtual JFK: Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived examines what American involvement in Vietnam might have looked like had President Kennedy not been assassinated in 1963.

The documentary goes beyond imagining a history of what could have happened says the film's producer Peter O. Almond. It asks the "what if" question but gives viewers the background necessary to answer that question.

"It's not so much 'what if' as 'here's what,'" he explains. "It doesn't lead you by the nose to the filmmaker's conclusion."

The film's director Koji Masutani came up with the idea while studying at Brown University. It was there that he met international relations professor James Blight, who also narrates the film. Blight was interested in the decisions leaders make during crises — would another leader make the same decision?

Masutani was struck by how Lyndon Johnson had managed to get the United States tied up in Vietnam after Kennedy was killed. Like many people, Masutani believed there were parallels to be made between Vietnam and the quagmire in Iraq.

"He saw a theme that his generation might find illuminating," says Almond.

Almond is no stranger to Kennedy's decision making process. He served as producer on the 2000 Kevin Costner film 13 Days, which recounts the scene inside the White House during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Almond, now 65 and in college when Kennedy was in office, says he certainly admired the man. "He seemed to have some greater functioning wisdom," he says.

- Virtual JFK: Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived is now playing in Toronto.

PETA goes after bear hunting
PETA has released a promotional piece featuring Battlestar Galactica's Jamie Bamber — naked from the obliques up — to shed light on the cruelty of black-bear hunting. The ad simply reads, "Bare Skin, Not Bearskin." **TVGUIDE.COM**

Video game films have evolved

InFocus

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If someone told my 13-year-old self that Hollywood was going to make a film out of my favorite video game I would have been perplexed. I loved Pong, but couldn't imagine that it would make an exciting movie. Tetris maybe, but not Pong.

Times and technology certainly have changed. The prehistoric blips of light that characterized the video games I played have been replaced by games with storylines and three-dimensional characters called avatars. With improved quality came a proliferation of video game movies like this weekend's Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li.

Video game movies get a bad rap — critic Nick Schager called House of the Dead an "astonishingly idiotic piece of entertainment"— but not all of them are, as another critic said, "as bad as getting your eyelid caught on a nail."

The first video game movie was 1982's TRON, about a hacker abducted into computer world. While it wasn't directly inspired by a game storyline, the idea came when director Steve Lisberger played my beloved Pong.

"I realized that there were these techniques that would be very suitable for bringing video games and computer visuals to the screen," he said. "And that was the moment the whole concept flashed across my mind."

Since then dozens of games have made the leap to the big screen. Mortal Kombat (released in 1995) only scores 24 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes but this Christopher Lambert movie about three martial artists whose skills will decide the fate of the world topped the box office for three weeks, features lots of great cheesy dialogue like, "You can look into my soul, but you don't own it," and has some good fight scenes.

Brotherhood of the Wolf director Christophe Gans and Oscar winner Roger Avary transformed the Konami Silent Hill game into an effective Grand Guignol shockfest. Avary's script kept the game's theme of survival while adding a story about a woman's somnambulistic daughter who gets lost in a ghost town called Silent Hill. Gans top loads the film with so many surreal images Roger Ebert said it looks "more like an experimental art film than a horror film," but the result is a strangely unsettling thriller.

On the web

- Visit metronews.ca/movies for a trailer and screen times for Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li.

Hardcore gamers will have already seen those adaptations, but fear not, there are some interesting sounding movies on the way. 28 Days Later scribe Alex Garland is penning Halo, and Tom 'The Sum of All Fears' Clancy is involved in bring Splinter Cell to the big screen.

Now if only we could pair my favourite filmmaker with my other favourite video game. Imagine: Martin Scorsese's Tetris!

- Read Metro on Monday for a review of Street Fighter.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 pm on the E! Channel.

McHattie comes alive in zombie flick

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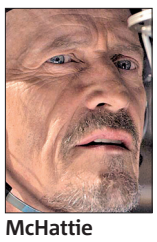

McHattie

FEATURE Nova Scotia-born actor Stephen McHattie has appeared in enough high-profile films (A History of Violence, The Fountain, the upcoming Watchmen) and television (he played Elaine's over analytical boyfriend Dr. Reston in Seinfeld) that he should be a household name by now.

And yet, even with over 150 credits under his belt, the rugged, intense thespian is rarely given the opportunity to take the lead. Which is what makes director Bruce McDonald's new satirical thriller Pontypool — opening next Friday — such a blood-spattered treat.

Not only is the film an ingenious twist on the tired zombie movie formula, it also asks McHattie to carry its dramatic weight almost singlehandedly.

Pontypool sees him essay the role of small town talk radio DJ Grant Mazzy, a disgraced big city shock jock who is exiled to the Mayberry-esque Pontypool as penance for speaking his mind once too often. When a mysterious disease infects the English language itself, turning its victims into babbling cannibal monsters, Mazzy stays on the air, even as the phonetic dead claw at his doors.

It's a dream role for McHattie who invests the snarling Mazzy with enough back-story to make him a fully fledged out character.

"I tried to capture that nowhere thing that talk radio guys have." says the soft-spoken thespian about his mike-wielding alter ego. "They never tell you anything about themselves; they're not big on bio. They also always have these physical trademarks and seem like they came from another era so I decided to wear this big cowboy hat, to give him that affectation.

"I kind of thought of Mazzy as this early Don Imus, the way he was in the '80s when he was funny, y'know, before it got all political and ugly."

Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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DOWNTOWN

BLOOR THEATRE
506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

Are We Stardust (STC) Sat 11:55
Batman (STC) Tue 10:15 Wed 4:15
Death or Canada (STC) Thu 7
Happy-Go-Lucky (14A) Mon 4:30-9 Tue 4:30 Wed 7
Hot Fuzz (14A) Sat 9:30
Labyrinth (STC) Fri 4:30 Sat 2
Let the Right One In (14A) Wed 9:20 Thu 9:30
Man on Wire (PG) Sun 2 Mon 7
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Thu 4:30
Repo! The Genetic Opera (18A) Fri 9:30
Riki-Oh: The Story of Ricky (STC) Sun 9:30
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (14A) Fri 11:30
Sea Port (STC) Sun 4
Shaolin Soccer (STC) Sun 7
Shaun of the Dead (18A) Sat 7
Tell No One (14A) Fri 6:45 Sat 4:15

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

Doubt (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:25-7:25-10
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-6:55-9:25
Happy-Go-Lucky (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-7-9:35
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30-6:40-9
Lost Song (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:15-9:45
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7:20-9:50
Trouble the Water (STC) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:10-9:20
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:05-6:45-9:10
Waltz With Bashir (Hebrew w/e.s.t.) (18A) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:40-7:30-9:30

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

The Class (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:10
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:40
Wendy and Lucy (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:50
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:45-9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Sat 9:50-12:05-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Sun 12:05-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Mon-Wed 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Thu 12-2:30-10:10
Fired Up (PG) Fri 12:40-3:40-7-9:20 Sat 10:20-12:40-3:40-7-9:20 Sun-Wed 12:40-3:40-7-9:20 Thu 12:40-3:40-7-9:10
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:20-9
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:20-6:45-9:50 Wed 12:20-3:20-9:50 Thu 12:20-3:20-6:45-9:50 Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 10:10-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun-Wed 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:45
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 12-2-4-6-8-10
My Bloody Valentine (18A) Fri-Thu 2:10-5:10-8:10-10:30
Taken (14A) Fri-Wed 1:10-4:15-7:10-9:30 Thu 1:10-4:15-7:10-9:20
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-7:20-9:40
Under the Sea 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-2-3:30-5-6:30-8-9:30
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:15
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:20
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Thu 12:05
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) No Passes Thu 12:01
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:40-9:10

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:10
Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:15
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 9:35
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:30-9
The Reader (14A) Fri 1:10-3:40-6:40-9:15-11:30 Sat-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:40-9:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1:15-4-6:50-9:20-11:40 Sat-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:20
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 1:30-4:10-7-9:25-11:35 Sat-Wed 1:30-4:10-7-9:25 Thu 4:10-7-9:25 Thu 1

THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

It's Not Me, I Swear! (STC) Fri 9:30 Sat 7 Sun 4:30-9 Mon-Tue 7 Wed-Thu 9:15
The Necessities of Life (PG) Mon-Tue 9:15 Wed-Thu 7
Virtual JFK: Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9:15 Sun 2:30-7

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:40
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-4:15-8 Wed 12:50-4:15 Thu 12:50-4:15-8
Doubt (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:05-9:45
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:20-10:05
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-10 Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:35-9:35
Milk (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:30-9:30 Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:55-9:55
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:20 Thu 12:40-3:20-9:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:15-10:10 Fri-Thu 12:35-3:25-6:15-9:05
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:10-9:50

CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 4:40-8:15 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:40-8:15 Mon-Thu 4:40-8:15
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 9
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:55
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 4:10-6:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30
Milk (14A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:40
The Necessities Of Life (French w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4:20-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:40-9:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 5-7:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:10-5-7:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:20-9:30
The Reader (14A) Fri 4-7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:50
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 4:50-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 2-4:50-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30-10

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

Gran Torino (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat 4:15-9:30 Sun 7 Wed 7 Thu 9:10
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue 7 Thu 7

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

I've Loved You So Long (14A) Sun 2
Waltz With Bashir (18A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Thu 7
Welcome to the Sticks (PG) Fri 9 Sat 4:30-9 Sun 7 Tue-Wed 7 Thu 8:50

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:30-7:10-9:40 Mon-Tue 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Wed 4:40-7:10-9:40 Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Wed 1
Coraline (PG) Fri 1-3:50-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:30-1-3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon-Tue 1:20-3:40-6:50-9:30 Wed 3:40-6:50-9:30 Thu 1:20-3:40-6:50-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 1-3:30-6:30-9:10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-7:20-10:20 Mon-Wed 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20 Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:50-7-9:50
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 2-4-6-8-10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 10:15-1:10-4:10-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:30
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 11-1:20-4:20-7:40-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:40-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:40-9:20 Mon-Wed 1:50-4:10-6:40-9:20 Thu 1:50-4:10-9:20
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Thu 12:01

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Thu 2-7:15
Che (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-2-7-8
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20-10:45 Sat-Sun 11-11:40-12:20-1-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20-10:45 Mon 1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20 Tue-Wed 1:40-2:20-3-3:40-5-5:40-6:20-7:40-8:20-9-10:20 Thu 1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20-10:45
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 2:30-6:30-10 Sat-Sun 11-2:30-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:30-10
Defiance (14A) Fri 4:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:05-4:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-9:30
Delhi 6 (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 10:25-1:15-4:10-7:10-10 Mon 4:10-7:10-10 Tue-Wed 7:10-10 Thu 4:10-7:10-10
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 1:45-2:45-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:15-10-10:45 Sat-Sun 10:55-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:15-10-10:45 Mon-Tue 1:45-2:45-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:15-10-10:45 Wed 1:45-2:45-4:30-7:15-10 Thu 1:45-2:45-4:30-5:30-7:15-8:15-10-10:45
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 1:50-7:05 Sat-Sun 10:45-1:50-7:05 Mon-Thu 1:50-7:05
Man on Wire (PG) Fri 1:50-4-6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:50-4-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 1:50-4-6:45-9:15
Milk (14A) Fri 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 10:35-1:25-4:25-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 3:25-5:45-8:05-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:25-5:45-8:05-10:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 2:30-5-7:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:30-9:45
Push (14A) Fri 2:40-4:35-5:20-8:10-9:50-10:40 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-4:35-5:20-8:10-9:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:40-4:35-5:20-8:10-9:50-10:40
The Reader (14A) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:05 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:35-4:25-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:20-10:05
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri 2:05-4:55-7:45-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:05-4:55-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:55-7:45-10:25
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1:25-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:45-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:20-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:45-10:45 Mon-Tue 2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:45-10:45 Wed 2:20-3-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:45-10:45 Thu 2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:45-10:45
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri 2:50-5:15-7:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:35-9:50 Mon 2:50-5:15-7:35-9:50 Tue 2:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 2:50-5:15-7:35-9:50
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:10-3:10-4:35-5:35-7:05-8:05-9:40-10:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-12:45-2:10-3:10-4:35-5:35-7:05-8:05-9:40-10:40 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-3:10-4:35-5:35-7:05-8:05-9:40-10:40
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Tue-Wed 2-4:15

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Billu Barber (G) Fri 7 Sat 12-7 Sun 7
Delhi 6 (PG) Fri-Sun 4-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Sun 2:45-6-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:15-8:30

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 12:55-3:50-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 10:15-12:55-3:50-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:45-9:20
Coraline (PG) Fri 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 10:10-12:40-3:20-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:10
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-4:25-8:10
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:50-7:35-10:10
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:40-10:30
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:35
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:40-7:25-10:35
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 1:20-3:55-6:40 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:20-3:55-6:40 Mon 1:20-3:55-6:40 Wed-Thu 1:20-3:55-6:40
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 12-2-4-6-8-10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 11-1:45-4:20-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:25
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 1-4:30-7:45-10:25 Sat-Sun 10:20-1-4:30-7:45-10:25 Mon-Tue 1-4:30-7:45-10:25 Wed 4:30-7:45-10:25 Thu 1-4:30-7:45-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Push (14A) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:10-7:20-10:15 Wed 7:20-10:15 Thu 1:15-4:10-7:20-10:15
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:25-6:35-9:45
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Mon 9:40 Wed-Thu 9:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:45-6:50-9:55
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:25-9:30
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:50
Taken (14A) Fri-Tue 1-3:10-6:15-9 Wed 3:10-6:15-9 Thu 1-3:10-6:15-9 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Thu 12:01

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-6:50-9
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:45-5-7:15-9:25
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:05-7
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:10-6:45-9:20
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:35
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-6:50-9:30
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:05-9:40
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:55-9:20

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
Milk (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:20
The Reader (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Bolt (PG) Sat 2
Doubt (PG) Fri 9:15 Sat 9
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri 7 Sat 4-7

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 3:40-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-7-9:40
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 4-8:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-4-8:15 Mon-Thu 4-8:15
Delhi 6 (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 5:15-9 Sat-Sun 2-5:15-9 Mon-Thu 5:15-9
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:10
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 4:05-6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:25 Mon 3:50 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:25
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
The International (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:50
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 3:55-7:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:55-7:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:30-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4:30-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-10
Taken (14A) Fri 4:15-6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:15

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Coraline (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:10-7:40-10:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:45-4:10-7:40-10:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-7:40-10:05
Defiance (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 3:45-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45
Ferris Bueller's Day Off (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 11:59
Fired Up (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:25-7:45-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:40-4:25-7:45-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:25-7:45-10:15
Frost/Nixon (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 4:30
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 4:50-7-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-2:40-4:50-7-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 4:50-7-9:15
Opus Arte: Manon (Ballet) (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Sat 1-1:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 4-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 12:40-4-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:20
The Reader (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:05-7:05-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-10
Revolutionary Road (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:50-7:10-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-9:50
Stone of Destiny (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:20-7:20-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:40
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:15-7:15-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-9:55
Watchmen (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Thu 11:59
The Wrestler (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 7:30-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:55-9:45
Coraline (PG) Fri 12:40-3:30-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 10:10-12:40-3:30-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:30-9:30
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:40-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:15-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-10
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:50-9:55
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:30-2:30-4:30-7:10-9:20 No Passes Wed 12-2-4:30-7:10-9:20 No Passes Thu 12:30-2:30-4:30-7:10-9:20
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-6:50-9:10 Mon 12:55-3:40-6:40-9:15 Tue 12:55-3:40-6:40-9:30 Wed-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:40-9:15
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 12:50-3:45-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 10:30-12:50-3:45-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 1-3:50-6:20-9:20
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:50
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:50-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-10

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 1:15-3:45-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:45-1:15-3:45-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:50-9:30
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri 1:30-4:30-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 11-1:30-4:30-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7-9:40
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:10
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Sun 2:30-5-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:45-10:05
Defiance (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 3:45-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45
Ferris Bueller's Day Off (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 11:59
Fired Up (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:25-7:45-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:40-4:25-7:45-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:25-7:45-10:15
Frost/Nixon (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 4:30
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 4:50-7-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-2:40-4:50-7-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 4:50-7-9:15
Opus Arte: Manon (Ballet) (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Digital Sat 1-1:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 4-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 12:40-4-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:20
The Reader (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:05-7:05-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-10
Revolutionary Road (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:50-7:10-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-7:10-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-9:50
Stone of Destiny (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:20-7:20-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:40
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:15-7:15-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-9:55
Watchmen (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Thu 11:59
The Wrestler (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 7:30-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 1:15-3:45-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:45-1:15-3:45-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:50-9:30
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri 1:30-4:30-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 11-1:30-4:30-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7-9:40
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:10
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Sun 2:30-5-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:45-10:05

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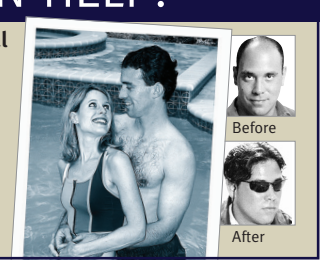

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The International (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-9:55
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 12-2-4-6-8-10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 1:45-4:20-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:45-4:20-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:20-6:40-9:20
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri 2:15-4:45-7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-4:45-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:30-9:55
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Thu 12:01

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300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:20-9:10
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:45
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:30-10:15
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:40
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 12-2-4-6-8-10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:05
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:45-10:30
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Wed 1-4-7-10 Thu 1-4-7-9:40
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:40
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Thu 12:01

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 1-3:50-6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:50-3:05-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:05-6:45-9:15
Coraline (PG) Fri 12:10-3:10-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:05-3:40-6:25-9 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:25-9 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Fired Up (PG) Fri 1:10-3:55-7:05-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:40-7:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:35-9:50
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 1:40-4:50-7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:40-10:20
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 12:30-3:35-7:05-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:20-12:55-3:20-6:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:20
The International (14A) Fri 12:50-4:10-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:55-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:40
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6-8-10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 12:05-2:30-6:20-8:45 Sat-Sun 10:10-12:35-3-6:30-8:50 Mon-Thu 3-6:30-8:50
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 12:20-3-6:35-9:10 Sat-Sun 10:30-1-3:30-6:10-8:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:10-8:40
Push (14A) Fri 1:30-4:25-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:20-10:05
The Reader (14A) Fri 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:40-6:35-9:30 Mon-Wed 3-6:35-9:30 Thu 3:25-6:35-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:40-3:10-6:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:40-9:45
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri 1:20-4:40-7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-7-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-7-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri 1:35-4:20-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:50-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 3:15-7:30-10
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri 1:25-4:30-7:25-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:20-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:55-9:35
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri 9:20 Sat-Thu 9:55
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Thu 12:01

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:20
Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:50-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-9:35
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-9:45
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The International (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:25-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:50
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:20-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:30-9:05
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-7-10 Mon-Thu 3:45-7-9:40
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:35-10
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20-9:55

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Billu Barber (G) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:45-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:55
Bride Wars (PG) Fri 3:30-5:45-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 11-1:15-3:30-5:45-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:45-5:55-8:05-10:15
The Class (PG) Fri 4-7:05-10 Sat-Sun 1:05-4-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 4-7:05-10
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Defiance (14A) Fri 4:05-7-10 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7-10 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:40
Delhi 6 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 4:05-7:10-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:30-9:35
Doubt (PG) Fri 2:25-4:55-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:25-4:55-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:35-10
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:25-10:05
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:50
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 2-4-4:50-6:55-7:40-9:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:05-2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 2-4-4:50-6:55-7:40-9:45
The International (14A) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:45-4:25-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:50
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Fri 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:10
Milk (14A) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:35-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:10-4:50-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:40
The Reader (14A) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri 2-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:20-2-4:35-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 2-4:35-7:15-9:55
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 2:15-4:15-5-7:45-9:45-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:30-2:15-4:15-5-7:45-9:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:15-5-7:45-9:45
Stone of Destiny (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:05 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:05
The Wrestler (14A) SDDS Digital Fri 2:45-5:15-7:40-10:20 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:20 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:05-4:30-7-9:35

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Billu Barber (G) Fri-Sun 6:45
Delhi 6 (PG) Fri-Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Sun 2:45-6-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:15-8:30

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Australia (PG) Fri-Sun 3:45-8:40 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:55
Bolt (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-3:10-6:25 Mon-Thu 5:05
Doubt (PG) Fri-Sun 3:40-5:25-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:30-8:15
Frost-Nixon (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-6:35 Mon-Thu1:30-3:35-8:05
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Fri-Sun 6:20-7:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:55-8:45
Madagascar 2 (G) Fri-Sun 12-3:10 Mon-Thu 1:30
New in Town (PG) Fri-Sun 12-4:45-8-9:40 Mon 1:30-3:15-7-8:40 Tue 1:30-3:15-8:40 Wed-Thu 1:30-3:15-7-8:40
Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-4:45
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-7:10 Mon-Thu 6

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Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20
Delhi 6 (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:25-6:40-10
Fired Up (PG) Fri 2:20-4:50-7:40-10:10 Sat 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:40-10:10 Sun 11-2:20-4:50-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:40-10:10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sat 12:15-12:45-3:15-4:15-6:20-7:20-9:30-10:30 Sun 12:15-12:45-3:15-4:15-6:20-7:20-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:15-12:45-3:15-4:15-6:20-7:20-9:30-10:30
Inkheart (PG) Fri 12:30-3:30-6:30 Sat-Sun 10:20-12:55-3:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30
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The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 1:10-3:40-6:15-9:10 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:10-3:40-6:15-9:10 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:15-9:10
The Reader (14A) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55 Wed 3:50-6:50-9:55 Thu 12:50-3:50-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 11-1:20-4:20-7:10-10:15 No Passes Mon-Tue 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:15 No Passes Wed 4:20-7:10-10:15 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7-9:50
Under the Sea 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12-1:30-3-4:30-6-7:30-9
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:15-9:50
The Uninvited (14A) Fri 2:10-5-7:50-10:20 Sat 11:20-2:10-5-7:50-10:20 Sun 11:20-2:10-5-7:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:10-5-7:50-10:10
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Thu 12:05
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) No Passes Thu 12:01

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:50-4:30-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:50
Coraline (PG) Fri 2:10-4:45-7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:05-9:35
Fired Up (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 1:10-3:35-5:50-8:10-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:35-5:50-8:10-10:25
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 2:55-5:20-7:40-10:15 Sat 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:40-10:15 Sun-Thu 2:55-5:20-7:40-10:15
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:10-10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 2:40-5-7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:40-5-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:40-5-7:25-9:55
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 2:45-5:05-7:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:45-5:05-7:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:05-7:30-9:45
Push (14A) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:40-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:25-9:55
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:6-50-9:40
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:10
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2-4:30-7-9:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:35-2-4:30-7-9:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:25-5:40-8-10:20
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:05-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:15
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:40-5:55-8:15-10:30
Watchmen (18A) Special Engagement Thu 12:01
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:55-4:35-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:50

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:30
Fired Up (PG) Fri 3:40-6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:30-9:20
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 4:45-7:35-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:45-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-9:45
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:05-7:05-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 4:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-4:10 Mon-Thu 4:10
The International (14A) Fri 4:25-7:15-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10-10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:15-7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:50-9:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 3:50-6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:20-9:10
Push (14A) Fri-Sun 6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:25
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-3:55-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:55
Taken (14A) Fri 4:35-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:15-9:35

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3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:10
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:05
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Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:15
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 4-7-10
Marley & Me (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:10
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:50

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Stadium Seating, THX Fri 1:30-4:20-7:9:40 Stadium Seating, THX Sat-Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:40
Coraline 3D (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:50-9:20
Fight Club (R) Fri 11:59
Friday the 13th (18A) Stadium Seating Fri 2:15-5-7:50-10:15 Stadium Seating Sat 5-7:50-10:15 Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 2:15-5-7:50-10:15
Hotel for Dogs (G) Stadium Seating Fri 3:40 Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 1:10-3:40
The International (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:20-10:10
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-5:10-9
Milk (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:10-10:05
Opus Arte: Manon (Ballet) (STC) Stadium Seating Sat 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:30-9:50
Push (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:30
Taken (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:30-5:20-7:40-10

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Defiance (14A) Fri 4:10-7:15-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-4:10-7:15-10:20 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 5-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 2:15-5-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:40-10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 3:50-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7-9:50
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 3:40-6:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:40
The International (14A) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 3:30-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:10
Push (14A) Fri-Sun 9:20 Mon-Thu 9
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
Taken (14A) Fri 4:50-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:50-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30

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3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Bride Wars (PG) Fri 1:30-3:50-7:25-9:45 Sat-Sun 11-1:30-3:50-7:25-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:05
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 12:40-1:45-3:40-4:45-7:7:50-10:10:40 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:40-1:45-3:40-4:45-7:7:50-10-10:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:25-6:45-7:15-9:30-10
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 4-8:10
The Day the Earth Stood Still: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Wed 4-7-10 Thu 3-5:30-8
Defiance (14A) Fri-Sun 9:30 Mon-Wed 9 Thu 8:40
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:55-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:50
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-1:20-4:4:30-7:15-7:40-10:20-10:45 Mon-Thu 3:40-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 12:10-3:20-6:40 Sat-Sun 10:15-12:40-3:20-6:40 Mon-Thu 3-6:10
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:15-6:55 Mon-Wed 3:45-6:25 Thu 3:45-6:15
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:05
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6-8-10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:35 Sat-Sun 10-12:15-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-9:45
Push (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:55
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1-4:10-7:20-10:25 Sat-Sun 10:30-1-4:10-7:20-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:35
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:55-7:45-10:10
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:30-9:20
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:45
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Sun 2-5-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-8-10:15
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 8:40
Watchmen (18A) No Passes Thu 12:05
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) No Passes Thu 12:01

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10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 7:50-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:20-8:50
Coraline (PG) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 8-10:30 Sat-Sun 2-5-8-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30
The International (14A) Fri 7:30-10:10 Sat 4:20-7:30-10:10 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:35
Opus Arte: Manon (Ballet) (STC) Sat 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 7:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:30-8
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:20
The Reader (14A) Fri-Sun 7:20-10 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 6-8:40
Taken (14A) Fri 7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:30-9

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3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:30
Fired Up (PG) Fri 5:10-7:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Sun 9 Mon-Thu 9:15
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:40
The International (14A) Fri 4:20-7:9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 7-9:35
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 4-6:20 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:20 Mon-Thu 6:45
Push (14A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 3:50-6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:25
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri 4:50-7:30-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50
Taken (14A) Fri 5-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 2:20-5-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:55

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30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

Australia (PG) Fri 2:35-6-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:05-2:35-6-9:25 Mon-Thu 6-9:25
Bedtime Stories (G) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:35-9:05 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:35-4:10-6:35-9:05 Mon-Wed 4:10-6:35-9:05 Thu 4:10-6:35
Bolt (PG) Digital Fri 2:20-4:40-7:10-9:25 Digital Sat-Sun 12:05-2:20-4:40-7:10-9:25 Digital Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:25
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri 2:55-5:05-7:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:55-5:05-7:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:35-9:50
Coraline 3D (PG) Digital Fri 2-4:30-7-9:40 Digital Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:40 Digital Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:40
Doubt (PG) Fri 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 Sat 11:55-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 Sun 11:55-2:40-5:15-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:40-10
Fired Up (PG) Fri 2:30-3:30-4:40-5:45-6:55-8-9:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-12:15-1:15-2:30-3:30-4:40-5:45-6:55-8-9:15-10:15 Mon-Wed 4:40-5:45-6:55-8-9:15-10:15 Thu 4:40-5:45-6:55-8-10:15
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 1:30-1:55-4-4:35-6:45-7:30-9:15-10 Sat 11-1:30-1:55-4-4:35-6:45-7:30-9:15-10 Sun 11-1:30-1:55-4-4:35-6:45-7:30-9:15-9:55 Mon-Wed 4-4:35-6:45-7:30-9:15-9:55 Thu 4-4:35-6:45-7:30-9:55
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:05-4:45-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:25-10:15
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Fri 2:25-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:25-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50
Milk (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:10
Notorious (18A) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:20 Sat 11:25-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:20 Sun 11:25-2:10-4:55-7:35-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:35-10:10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8:15-9:40-10:30 Sat 11:45-12:45-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8:15-9:40-10:30 Sun 11:45-12:45-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:45-5:30-7:15-8-9:40-10:10
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 2:30-4:55-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:40-10:05
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:20-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:35-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-10:05
The Reader (14A) Fri 1:45-4:25-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 11-1:45-4:25-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:55
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri 2-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-2-4:45-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:10
Seven Pounds (14A) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:45-10:25 Sat 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:45-10:25 Sun 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10
Taken (14A) Fri 2:25-3:45-5-6-7:15-8:15-9:30-10:30 Sat 11:45-1-2:25-3:45-5-6-7:15-8:15-9:30-10:30 Sun 11:45-1-2:25-3:45-5-6-7:15-8:10-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 5-5:55-7:15-8:10-9:30-10:15
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 2:45-5:10-7:25-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:25-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:25-9:35
Valkyrie (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20 Sat 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20 Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-10
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri 2:50-5:05-7:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:20-9:35
Waltz With Bashir (18A) Fri 2:15-4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:15-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:30
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 2:20-5-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:15
Yes Man (PG) Fri 1:35-4:05-6:35-9 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:35-4:05-6:35-9 M

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The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 1-3:50-6:20-8:50 Sat-Sun 10:35-1-3:50-6:20-8:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:20-8:50
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30
The Reader (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-7:10:05 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10:05
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:25
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:55-9:20

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:15-10:10
Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Fired Up (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:20
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:35-10:25
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10 Star & Strollers Wed 1
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:45-10:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:45
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10:10
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:20
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:40-10:15

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:45
Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri-Thu 9:40
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 7-9:55 Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:55-10:20 Mon-Thu 6:55-10:20
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Sat 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Sun 12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:30-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
The Reader (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30

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Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri 3:40-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:25
Coraline (PG) Fri 3-6:15-9 Sat-Sun 12:10-3-6:15-9 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:10-8:55
Delhi 6 (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 5-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-5-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:10-9:10
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 4:45-7:45-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:45-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:15
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 3:45-7:05-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:45
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat-Sun 10:15-1
The International (14A) Fri 4:40-7:35-10:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10:10
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri 4:15-6:30-8:50-10:25 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:15-6:30-8:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:15-5-7:30-8:45
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) No Passes Fri 4-6-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 10-12-2-4-6-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6-8-10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 11-1:30-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 3:50-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:10-3:50-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:20-9
Push (14A) Fri 3:15-7:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:50
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 3:30-6:40-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
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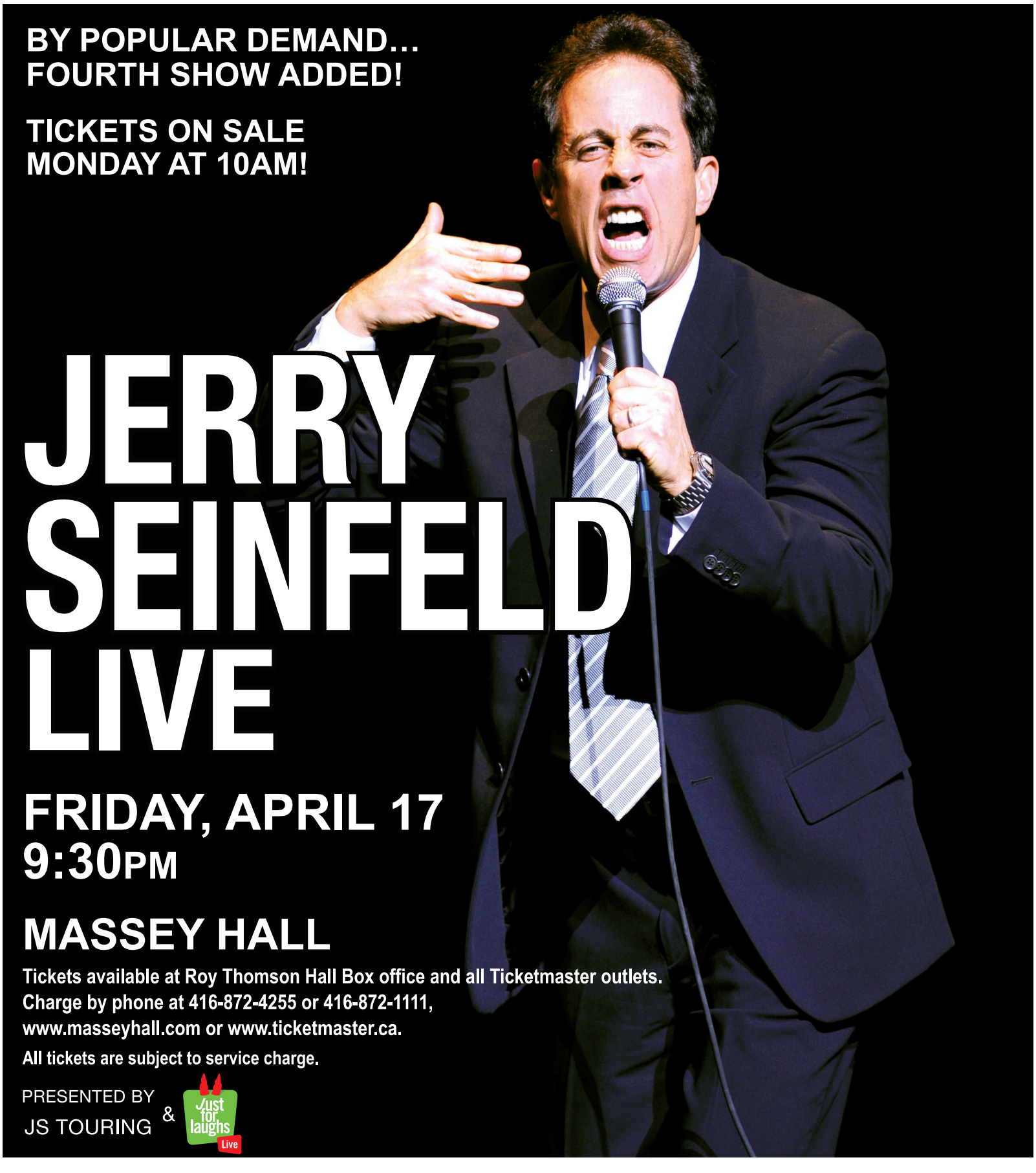

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Music

Little Voice suits Sara

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

When setting up in a new city, we all find ways to ease the transition. For singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles, the solution was to join an a cappella group.

Soon after moving to L.A. from Eureka, Calif., to attend UCLA, the chart-topping Grammy nominee signed up with Awaken A Capella, a group that mirrored the musical theatre she grew up performing.

"If you listen to my album (Little Voice), you'll hear that I'm very much in love with vocal harmonies, and that's part of what drew me to a cappella," she said. "Singing with such a supportive group really nurtured my confidence ... It also enlightened me to the versatility of the voice — to how dynamic a vocal performance can be."

Bareilles hasn't undergone formal musical training, though her natural command of vocals shines through her love of a capella and sharply observant lyrics. While Little Voice's piano-driven tracks are largely dominated by vocals, they also feature details cribbed from studio musicians, from the Maroon 5-esque funk-rock of Morningside to Come Round Soon's electronic intro.

"Sometimes I wish my training was different, since my skill level would be at a different place, and some of my limitations as a player would be solved," she said. "(But) since songwriting has not been not dissected for me, it's completely personality-based. I'm not breaking it down to make a formula, or understand it mathematically."

SONY MUSIC PHOTO

Singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles, who scored two Grammy nominations for her album Little Voice, will be in Toronto for a concert at Church of the Redeemer (162 Bloor St. W.) on Friday night.

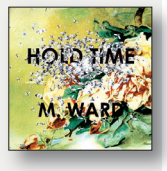
Writing and recording Little Voice entailed some measure of creative conflict between Bareilles and producer Eric Rosse. The pair are still friends, and Bareilles said the experience, while difficult at the time, helped her grow as an artist. Compared to her self-produced demo album, Careful Confessions, the tracks on Little Voice are much bigger — in terms of production, delivery and attached price tag. Several are reworked versions of earlier songs.

"When making music, if there's not anyone pushing back and challenging you — if you don't fight for your ideas ... (and you're) surrounded by yes men, you end up not doing everything you can," she said. "In order to better understand your art, you need to find a way to articulate it ... and that comes out every part of life — having to be your own advocate."

Metro recommends

• **DAN AUERBACH, KEEP IT HID:** The Black Keys frontman goes solo and explores the crossroads of spooky psychedelic rock and soulful Delta-blues.

• **M WARD, HOLD TIME:** Ward blends his well-worn voice with vintage guitars and Americana sounds for a dreamy folk-pop experience.



• **THE HEARTLESS BASTARDS, THE MOUNTAIN:** Raunchy garage rockers turn down the volume by adding acoustic sounds. The rootsy new feel suits Erika Wennerstrom's haunting vocals.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Seeking the truth behind the music business' big leak

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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About 7 a.m. last Wednesday, I received an email. "Want the new U2 album?" Within seconds, I was listening to U2's No Line on the Horizon.

A legitimate online store in Australia accidentally made the full album available for about two hours while Europe and North America slept. A few fans bought the album, re-ripped it to remove any digital locks and set it free. The tracks went global in seconds. A disaster for U2 and its label, right?

But since I believe in gunmen on grassy knolls and that the government knows that grey aliens are regularly kidnapping hillbillies, I began to wonder whether this really was a leak.

ARGUMENT FOR: The album leaked through the online store officially used by Universal Australia. Universal is U2's record label.

ARGUMENT AGAINST: Why would the world's biggest record label do something that sabotages sales for an album by its biggest band?

FOR: This was actually the second leak. A week earlier, it was available on Napster Mobile. But since no one has ever heard of Napster Mobile, it went unnoticed. Could the Australian leak have been a mulligan?

AGAINST: U2 manager Paul McGuiness is one of music's most outspoken people on the problem of piracy and illegal downloads. He wants ISPs put on the hook for money lost due to file-trading.

FOR: Reaction to Get On Your Boots, the first single, has been tepid. An album leak gets people talking about U2.

AGAINST: People will talk about U2, anyway. The band played for Obama and opened the Grammys.

FOR: According to Forbes, only one-eighth a band's income comes from album sales these days. U2 will gross a $250 million from its upcoming world tour. A new CD is just an excuse for U2 to go on the road and make some real money.

AGAINST: When you sell more than 10 million copies of each album, one-eighth is still a lot of money.

The real answer is probably "It was all just a mistake." You can keep a new album secret as long as it stays in the studio, but the moment you have to ship it to pressing plants and download stores, it can all go horribly wrong very quickly. All it takes is one digital copy.

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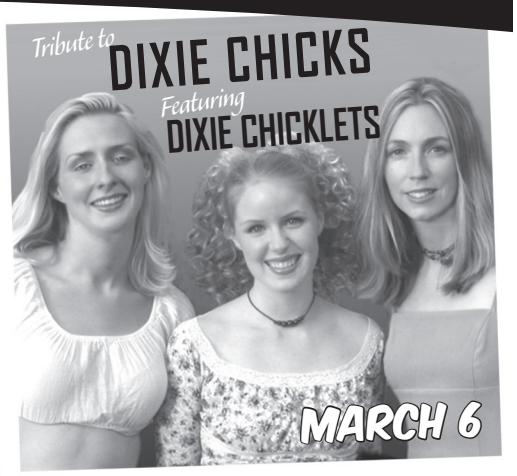

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Hannigan goes solo

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

While everyone seems to be getting laid off these days, Irish singer-songwriter Lisa Hannigan got the boot from her day job two years ago, and it had nothing to do with the economy.

"It's all a blur now," said Hannigan, who's still reluctant to share the details of why she left her gig as Damian Rice's partner in crime. For more than half a decade the 27-year-old sang on many of Rice's tunes and held the title of lead female vocalist in his band. Then, seemingly without warning, Hannigan was let go because, as Rice said, their relationship had "run it's creative course."

"It just came to an end," she says, adding the two haven't spoken to each other since. Instead of throwing in the towel, Hannigan decided it was time she release a solo album — she had a couple songs already, but she really got to work once her and Rice parted ways.

"I had few songs from over the years and notebooks of ideas," she said. "But it took me a while to get everything together. I'm not a songwriter who bashes songs out. I'm not particularly good at playing anything."

She's being modest of course. Her debut disc Sea Sew is a delicate collection of indie folk tunes layered with rich harmonies, hushed vocals and complex instrumentation.

"It is my name so I have to stand by the sound and the song," she said. "But it was hard to stand up and say this is what I want, and this is how I want a part to be played. That took a little while to be comfortable with."

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Clooney ... scrubs ... NBC ... March 12 ... be there!
George Clooney will be back in his ER scrubs for one final episode of the NBC medical drama that will air March 12. A show insider says Clooney will reunite with Julianna Margulies in a storyline that also features Susan Sarandon. **PEOPLE.COM**

Television

Huge laughs in next Apprentice: Green

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Tom Green predicts the upcoming season of Celebrity Apprentice will be the most entertaining yet.

"It's was ridiculous," the comic said in a telephone interview from his home in L.A.

Green

The Canadian actor, comedian and writer, best known for MTV's The Tom Green Show and his feature film Freddy Got Fingered, is looking forward to watching the debauchery unfold starting Sunday when the second season of The Celebrity Apprentice airs.

Some of his fellow competitors included Dennis Rodman, Clint Black, Andrew Dice Clay, Joan Rivers and her daughter Melissa Rivers and Green said his main objective was to maintain a positive attitude and make each episode as funny as possible.

When arguments began, for example, he tried his best to encourage them.

"I'd just sort of listen intently to the person who was making the least sense and then that would give them confidence and they'd argue more," he said.

One of the funniest things for him was to see Clint Black and Dennis Rodman screaming at each other, he said.

And they weren't the only two of the 16 candidates to lose their cool.

Green couldn't give away all of the show's secrets, but he said there were several competitors who just didn't get along. The combination of strong personalities with the challenging, 16-hour days filled with complicated tasks, created a very volatile situation.

"It makes for some pretty cool TV," the 38-year-old said with a laugh.

The comedian found an ally in fellow funny man Andrew Dice Clay who has appeared several times as a guest on tomgreen.com, The Channel, where Green broadcasts a one-hour talk-show from his living room.

On the set of The Apprentice, the two jokesters continued the fun and games, adding some much needed comic relief to the mix.

"We were almost able to be a bit of a tag team as far as creating mass confusion and hysteria," Green said.

Overall, it was a great experience that Green said he would do all over again if he had the chance.

The Celebrity Apprentice premieres the evening of Sunday, March 1, and candidates will face the judgment of Donald Trump, his advisers and his two grown children, Ivanka Trump and Donald Trump Jr.

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING EVENTS AROUND THE CITY
For more events, visit: **metronews.ca/entertainment**

Sara Bareilles
When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Where: The Church of the Redeemer, 162 Bloor St. W.
This Billboard chart topper plays Friday. Tickets: $27.50. Call 416-870-8000.

Singles Pub Crawl
When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Begins at Montanas, 145 John St.
It's a night of no cover and lots of debauchery. $40. Meetmarketadventures.com.

Women's Bookstore Community Dinner
When: Friday, 6 p.m.
Where: Theatre Centre
Contribute to the potluck dinner and eat for free. The play Wise Woman follows, admission at discounted rate.

Stop for Food
When: Friday to March 28
Where: various locations
Twenty-seven downtown restaurants offer menus for $50 per person, $10 each going to Thestop.org.

Golf, Travel Show
When: Fri. through Sun.
Where: Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Test out the latest in golf equipment, Cost free to $15. Torontogolfshow.com.

Bowlathon
When: Sat., 1, 4 and 7 p.m.
Where: Bowlerama West
Bowl to end spousal and child abuse. Collect pledges for admittance. 416-597-1171 ext. 233.

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 2/27/09	265	353	2	TVO	Feast Greece	Feast Greece	The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	(9:01) Dollhouse (N)		NUMB3RS "Cover Me"		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere Il	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker		Survivorman		Crusoe (HDTV)		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		Raising the Bar (N)		News (N)
	218	345	11	E!	The Insider (N)	E! News	Fashion Police: Academy		Friday Night Lights (N)		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS "Cover Me"		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC		News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Supernanny (N)		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Supernanny (N)		Whistler (DVS)		News (N)
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy (N)	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(9:01) Dollhouse (N)		Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	*A Thousand Clowns* ★★★ (1965, Comedy)				Signpost-1953	Wash. Week	Business Rpt.
news	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22	net	World Combat	College Hockey Boston University at Massachusetts. (Live)					Sportsnet Connected		Hockey Central
	400	400	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Philadelphia Flyers. (HDTV) (Live)					Curling 2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts -- Page Playoff.			
family	551	542	25	YTV	*Yours, Mine and Ours* ★★★ (1968, Comedy) Lucille Ball.				Falcon Beach		Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	*Batman* ★★★ (1989, Action) Jack Nicholson.			
	556	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	*The Neverending Story* ★★★ (1984, Fantasy)			*Camp Nowhere* ★★ (1994, Comedy)		(10:36) *Miracle* (2004)		
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Driven"		CSI: Miami "Kill Switch"		CSI: Miami "Born to Kill"		CSI: Miami "Lost Son"		Criminal Minds
	575	583	38	CMT	Cross Canada Countdown				Ed "The Whole Truth"		*A Father's Son* ★ (1999, Docudrama)		
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		Da Vinci's Inquest		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*American Beauty* ★★★★ (1999, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Spacey.					Seinfeld	Family Guy
	581	566	52	MTV	4REAL	City Live After	Made "Pop Singer"		The Real World		The City	The City	City Live After
	603	561	56	FOOD	Chef at Home	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay Kitchn
	300	601	301	M1	*Pirates Who Don't Do Anything*		Sanctuary "The Five"		*10,000 B.C.* ★ (2008, Adventure) Steven Strait.				*Pathology*

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 2/28/09	265	353	2	TVO	Inside Jerusalem's Holiest		*A Hard Day's Night* (1964, Musical Comedy)			The Interviews	*24 Hour Party People* (2002, Comedy-Drama)		
	211	331	3	GTV	Shattered Dreams		Masterminds	Masterminds	Doc "Evaluate This"		Doc		News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Objektyv	Russian Waves		Where Shall I Go		MADtv
	210	302	6	CBC	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage -- Sharks at Canadiens or Maple Leafs at Senators						NHL Hockey: Wild at Oilers		
	214	344	7	CITY	Without a Trace		Less-Kind	Kaya	*Earthstorm* (2006, Science Fiction) Stephen Baldwin.				News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	W-FIVE		Cold Case "True Calling"		*Mayerthorpe* (2008, Docudrama) Henry Czerny.				News (N)
	218	345	11	E!	Chef School	E News	*A Job to Kill For* (2006, Suspense) Sean Young.				Show Yours	G-Spot	News (N)
	-	387	16	CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cold Case "True Calling"		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	Paid Program	Bring Wall St	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order "Zero"		News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Funniest Home Videos		*Bewitched* ★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy) Nicole Kidman.				News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*Truth* (2006) Stephanie Zimbalist, Dean Cain, Thea Gill.				Comedy Now	Comedy Now	News (N)
	-	-	28	FOX	Paid Program	Kitchen World	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	MADtv
	-	388	61	PBS	My Music-60s	Best of Red Skelton			As Time Goes By Reunion Special				Masterpiece
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Newsroom
sports	405	417	22	net	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				The Ultimate Fighter		PartyPoker.net World Open IV		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30	TSN	Curling 2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts -- Semifinal. (HDTV) From Victoria, B.C. (Live)							SportsCentre	
family	551	542	25	YTV	Team Galaxy	Team Galaxy	Zixx Level	Storm Hawks	Naruto	Bleach	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	*X-Men* ★★★ (2000, Action) Hugh Jackman.				Futurama	Robot Chicken	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
	556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Rudy* ★★★ (1993, Drama) Sean Astin.			(10:31) *Short Circuit*	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Darkroom"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: NY
	575	583	38	CMT	Karaoke Star				Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Emerson Drive		Grand Opry
	616	521	39	SHO	Mutant X		*Legacy of Fear* (2006, Suspense) (HDTV) Teri Polo.				*Ultraviolet* ★ (2006, Science Fiction)		
	294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Guess Who* ★★ (2005, Comedy) Bernie Mac.				*U.S. Marshals* ★★ (1998, Crime Drama)		
	581	566	52	MTV	MTV Live	After	Made "Pop Singer"		MTV News	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	603	561	56	FOOD	Family	Glutton	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Top Chef (Part 2 of 2)		Hell's Kitchen		The F Word
	300	601	301	M1	(7:15) *Ace of Hearts* (2008, Drama) Dean Cain.				*Son of Rambow* ★★★ (2007, Comedy) Bill Milner.				*Harold & Kmr*

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 3/1/09	265	353	2	TVO	Megabridges "China"		The Mummy Diaries		Touch of Frost "In the Public Interest"			(10:35) The View From Here	
	211	331	3	GTV	Ancestors	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (HDTV) (N)				News (N)
	215	343	4	OMN1	Without a Trace		According-Jim	Skate to Survive		Noi Oggi	Metropia	Metropia	Corpo E Alma
	210	302	6	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		*The Devil Wears Prada* ★★★ (2006, Comedy)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		East Coast
	214	344	7	CITY	2Half Men	2Half Men	Friends	Friends	Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Amazing Race 14		Criminal Minds (N)		The Mentalist (HDTV)		News (N)
	218	345	11	E!	The Best Years (DVS)		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (Season Premiere) (N)				News (N)
	-	387	16	CBS	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		*Jesse Stone: Thin Ice* (2009, Crime Drama) Tom Selleck.				News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live (PA)		The Celebrity Apprentice (Season Premiere) (N)				News (N)
	-	386	18	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Brothers & Sisters "Troubled Waters" (HDTV) (N)				News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	Funniest Home Videos		*Water* ★★★ (2005, Drama) Seema Biswas, Lisa Ray, John Abraham.					Look-A-Like	News
	-	-	28	FOX	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61	PBS	The Welk Stars: Through the Years				Dudu Fisher: In Concert From Israel			Company of Voices: Conspir	
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley
sports	405	417	22	net	QMJHL Hockey Moncton Wildcats at Shawinigan Cataractes. (Live)						Snowboarding: World Cup		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30	TSN	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		Curling 2009 Scotties Tournament of Hearts -- Final. (HDTV) From Victoria, B.C. (Live)						
family	551	542	25	YTV	(6) *Flushed Away*		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Next Star "The Buzz"		Adrenaline Proj	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	Totally Spies	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
	556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Bob the Butler* ★★ (2005, Comedy)			(10:32) *Space Jam* (1996)	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos
	575	583	38	CMT	Cross Canada Countdown		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	CMT Star Crossed		Dixie Chicks
	616	521	39	SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*Thrill of the Kill* (2006, Suspense) Shiri Appleby.				Damages (N)		The Guard
	294	529	47	TBS	(5:30) *Disclosure* (1994)		*Unfaithful* ★★★ (2002, Drama) Richard Gere, Diane Lane, Olivier Martinez.					*Unfaithful* (2002, Drama)	
	581	566	52	MTV	Made "Pop Singer"		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
	603	561	56	FOOD	Italian Escape	Exotic	Challenge Knife skills.		Iron Chef America		The Next Food Network Star		The Heat
	300	601	301	M1	*The Derby Stallion* (2005, Drama) Sarah Blackman.				*Ocean's Thirteen* ★★★ (2007, Comedy-Drama)				Dexter

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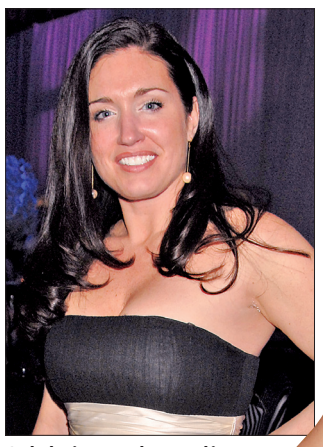

Celebrity author Julie Couillard.

BOOKWORMS OF ALL types traded in their pens and laptops for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in support of the Toronto Public Library Foundation's fourth annual Book Lovers Ball at the Fairmount Royal York Hotel. The Harlequin Romance novel-themed night entertained with a live auctions, celebrity authors and honoured guests, and in its final chapter: a fashion show.

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Conrad to quit The Hills
Lauren Conrad will quit The Hills after filming wraps on the upcoming fifth season. The MTV show focuses on Conrad and her friends as they go about their daily lives in Hollywood. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Going Out

Tragedy transcending

Kristen Thomas uses personal pain in her theatrical triumph

When most people experience significant pain in their lives, it stays inside their hearts. But with Kristen Thomson, it becomes the stuff of great theatre.

Her parents' divorce when she was seven years old percolated through her subconscious for several decades before emerging as her triumphant playwriting debut, I, Claudia. And an incident surrounding her grandmother's death six years ago was the genesis for The Patient Hour, her latest script, which opened Wednesday night at Tarragon Theatre.

"My aunt called me a couple of days before my grandmother died," Thomson recalls.

"She thought I would want to see her one last time, even though she had had Alzheimer's for the past 10 years, and most other times when I'd visit, she wouldn't know who I was."

Thomson pauses to collect herself for the pivotal part of the story.

"I went into her room. She was wearing an oxygen mask, drifting in and out of consciousness. I didn't know if she could receive anything I could offer.

"But I just kept telling her how much I had loved her and how much she and her life had meant to me and all of our family."

Her voice cracks. "Nothing changed. Except tears started streaming down her cheeks.

"It made me ask questions about a kind of life in her that might have still been there when everything else was extinct. It was very powerful and it stayed with me."

The Patient Hour

• By Kristen Thomson. Directed by Chris Abraham. Until March 29 at the Tarragon Extra Space, 30 Bridgman Ave. 416-531-1827.

But by the time the events had journeyed through Thomson's mind and heart, they came out in quite a different form.

"We're in a hospital room," she explains, "and the patient is there, but not on the stage. She's where the audience would be. The other characters seem to address the audience directly, but it's actually the patient they're talking to."

Like Thomson's grandmother, the unseen patient isn't able to communicate, but it's due to a stroke. Her son is standing watch by her bedside when he's joined by his older sister, a nurse, and another patient, whose origins are mysterious.

"It's all about the very special kind of intimacy that is created in a situation like this," says Thomson.

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Actors Patrica Fagan, Liisa Repo-Martell, Todd Thomson, Waneta Storms star in The Patient Hour, which opened Wednesday.

Lighten up with comedy film fest

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Riding the **Recession**

COMEDY As the winter continues its miserable stranglehold and the equally bitter economy implodes around us, one needs a sense of humour in order to survive.

Not that there's anything particularly funny about dealing with the very palpable threat of losing ones livelihood, but sometimes laughter truly is the best medicine for economic woes.

The good folks behind The World of Comedy Film Festival are hoping to cash in on this basic truth when they roll into town today for a three-day engagement at Innis College's Town Hall Theatre.

The festival, now in its sixth year, collects an uproarious array of international featurettes, many of which are furiously funny and, occasionally, rather risqué. From Canada we get the 32-minute spoof Stan Maynard's Best Day Ever, which sees a lip-biting shlub get the full makeover treatment at the hands of a so-called lifestylist.

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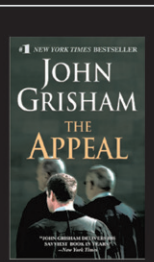

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The migratory patterns of the spring breaker

Post-secondary students don't seem to be planning staycations for spring break. Bookings to popular beach destinations are strong, according to travel companies, and volunteering vacations continue to gain momentum. Here's how students will be spending their break:

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A group of spring breakers from Alberta soak up the sun in Cancun, Mexico, in this file photo.

International beaches

Cancun and Jamaica are top destinations for spring breakers, according to Patrick Evans of STA Travel. Some 30,000 revellers are expected to visit the beach spot in Mexico this year. The same number came to Cancun last year, according to Quintana Roo's Tourism Office.

Also popular is Acapulco, Mexico, according to Chute. Acapulco has some of the hottest night clubs, and many are open all night, he said.

Scott Schechter, 22, a Boston University senior, said he was looking for that big-party atmosphere. "Generally, when I think of spring break, most of the nice spring break locations that aren't trans-Atlantic would be in Mexico," he said. "The idea of travelling outside the country makes it a little more exciting."

Perhaps because of the economy, more students are choosing the Party Bus this year, said Evans. The bus departs from locations in California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, to Mazatlan, Mexico. Prices for the seven-night trip (two nights on the bus), start at $300 US per person on StudentCity.com.

Besides Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Los Cabos are the most popular international destinations for people booking through Travelocity, according to Genevieve Shaw Brown, senior editor. But she said both have slipped in overall popularity from last year, which suggests people are vacationing closer to home.

North America

Panama City Beach, Fla., remains a top destination for the college crowd, according to Chute. Once again the beach hosts mtvU's Spring Break party March 8-21. The beach's north Florida location makes it accessible for road trips, he said.

Hotel bookings are strong, according to Dan Rowe, president and CEO of the Panama City Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau. But he said it's too early to determine if the economy has had a negative impact, so Panama City Beach is doing some aggressive marketing.

"In addition to college students, the month of April, we're really gearing out activities and marketing to families," he said.

The top three spring break destinations based on Travelocity bookings are Las Vegas, Orlando and South Florida. Las Vegas was No. 3 last year. Also making the top 10 this year was Washington, D.C. Travelocity does not separate bookings by families and students. In Vegas, average daily hotel rates are down 28 per cent, said Travelocity's Brown. "So that combined with the fact that there are deals galore, free nights, two-for-one show tickets, Las Vegas is going to be more popular this year than last," she said.

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Also popular this year are South Beach in Miami and South Padre Island, Texas, according to Gibb.

Alternative spring break

It's been more than three years since Katrina, but spring break volunteering is growing exponentially, according to Andrea Hutchinson, of Adventures in Travel Expo.

"We're farther away from Katrina, but President Obama was just elected," said Steven Roy Goodman, educational consultant. "There has been a real resurgence of a spirit of service."

Intrepid Travel in Canada has set up almost 40 trips that are 100 per cent carbon offset, and volunteering trips have gained sales momentum in the past year, according to Christian Wolters, marketing manager.

The great thing about alternative spring breaks is students can solicit donations, said Goodman.

Anna Rice, 19, a sophomore at Northeastern, hit up friends and family members to help with the cost of her trip to New Orleans. She is going to be rebuilding an animal shelter.

"I didn't have a lot of money and I wanted to go away for spring break," she said. "It should be fun to do community service and I like animals."

Jimmy Camacho, 26, a senior at San Diego State, will be working in Honduras to bring clean water access to a village. This is his second volunteer trip there.

About 40 students are going, and many of them are interested in the Peace Corps, he said.

"I think this program was attractive in that it's only a week and not a two-year commitment," he said. "It gives you work experience while allowing you to experience a new country and make a lot of new friends."

Evans said Dominican Republic and Costa Rica are also drawing interest for volunteer opportunities.

Cruises

Cruise lines in general do not market to college students, according to Heidi Allison-Shane, spokesperson for CruiseCompete.com. But that doesn't stop college kids from setting sail. Chute said cruises to the Bahamas are popular this year. Spring breakers drive to Fort Lauderdale and take a Discovery cruise ship to Freeport, where they spend four nights.

Cameron Pittman, 21, a senior at Vanderbilt, said it's tradition for the seniors in his fraternity to take a cruise.

About 25 of them are going to the Caribbean with Norwegian Cruise Line, departing from New Orleans. Other groups on campus are taking the same seven-day cruise, he said. Pittman has gone to Panama City Beach and Destin, Fla., for previous spring breaks, which he said were "kind of boring." There's more to do on a cruise, he said.

"I can't wait," he said. "Everybody can't wait. It's going to be a lot of fun."

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Saving on Caribbean vacations

Caribbean Travel and Life magazine's March issue offers tips on how to save money on vacations in the islands:

- The region's low-season begins in mid-April, when room rates start to sink. The lower prices last all the way to mid-December.
- Packages that include airfare, hotel and transfers can save a bundle, and an all-inclusive resort might be the right choice for those who would otherwise spend a lot on food and drinks.
- Signing up for email alerts from American Airlines, Air Jamaica and other carriers can alert people on airfare sales. Deals are often posted on Tuesdays, so make sure to check then to see what's available.
- Consider coupons and other added value when figuring out your best bets. Sometimes hotels will give credits toward dining, spas and activities that make the nightly room rate a much better deal.
- Taking a room with a garden view rather than an ocean view can also cut your bill substantially.
- Other ways to save include staying in newly opened hotels, which often have introductory rates, and getting a group together and splitting the cost of a villa.

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San Francisco Weekend Getaway $599
Radisson Hotel Fisherman's Wharf + taxes & fees $133
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Buenos Aires $799
Waldorf + taxes & fees $214
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Holly loses her Angel

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Celebrity Buzz

Witness says Spears was scared of Lutfi

COURTS Britney Spears' hairdresser testified Wednesday that the pop superstar told her she was scared of her former manager and friend, Osama (Sam) Lutfi, The Associated Press reports. The testimony came as lawyers for Spears' father seek lengthy restraining orders against Spears's ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib, lawyer Jon Eardley and Lutfi.

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Wedding bells ringing soon?

MARRIAGE Malinda Williams has fuelled reports her Nailed co-star Jake Gyllenhaal is set to marry girlfriend Reese Witherspoon after confessing she expects wedding bells soon, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 28-year-old Jarhead star and his actress lover were recently spotted ring shopping at New York's Fred Leighton jewellery store, and his latest co-star insists it's obvious the couple will be man and wife soon.

She tells Life & Style magazine, "I wouldn't be surprised if they get married soon. Reese was on the set a lot. She and Jake are clearly in love.

"They're like two regular, down-home people. They seem very comfortable around each other ... It's like they've been together for a really long time — like an old married couple."

The couple met on the set of Rendition in 2007 becoming more open about their relationship after the finalizing of Witherspoon's divorce. The popular actress married Ryan Phillippe in 1999, but in 2006 announced that they were separating after seven years of marriage and they share the custody of their two children.

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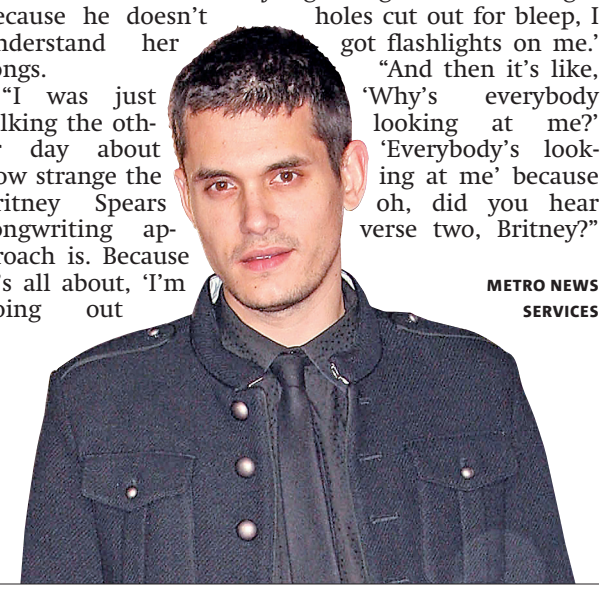
Brit's music makes no sense: Mayer

PEOPLE John Mayer thinks Britney Spears is "strange," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who has been dating actress Jennifer Aniston for the past year — would never perform a duet with Britney because he doesn't understand her songs.

"I was just talking the other day about how strange the Britney Spears songwriting approach is. Because it's all about, 'I'm going out tonight, but nobody look at me,'" he said.

"I've never met her and I'm not coming down on her, but all of the songs are sort of like, 'I'm getting all my girls together, we're gonna go out' and 'I've got holes cut out for bleep, I got flashlights on me.' 'And then it's like, 'Why's everybody looking at me?' 'Everybody's looking at me' because oh, did you hear verse two, Britney?"



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Beatty offers role and help

PEOPLE Hollywood icon Warren Beatty apparently has a movie in mind with the perfect role for Lindsay Lohan.

But if the young starlet wants it, she's going to have to jump through a few hoops. Beatty is reportedly offering the part to Lohan under the condition that she move in with him and wife Annette Bening — or at least into one their guest houses — for the duration of the filming so that Beatty can keep an eye on the notoriously difficult Lohan, according to Fox News.

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High School stars will wed

MARRIAGE Zac Efron has reportedly asked High School Musical co-star and girlfriend Vanessa Hudgens to marry him — because of pressure from Hudgens' mom.

According to sources, the 21-year-old popped the question while the couple vacationed in Japan last month.

"Zac is relieved to be out of the pressure cooker, because Vanessa's mother has been putting serious heat on him to make an honest woman out of her daughter," a source tells the National Enquirer. "She is old-school and doesn't approve of Vanessa living with Zac without some type of wedding promise." The pair reportedly plan to wed sometime next year.

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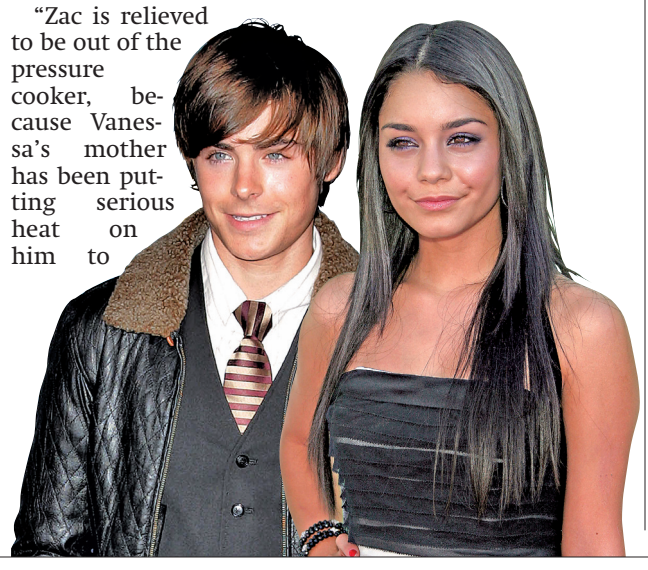
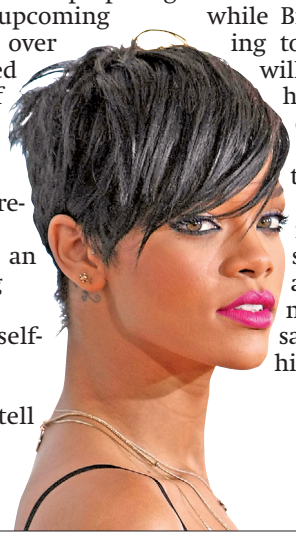


Brown may make a case for self defense

INCIDENT While preparing for his upcoming court date over his alleged assault of girlfriend Rihanna, Chris Brown is reportedly planning an interesting strategy: Pleading self-defense.

Inside sources tell Life & Style Weekly that while Brown is still waiting to hear if Rihanna will press charges, he's preparing a case against her.

"He's saying she threw a phone at him, then hit him in the head and basically just lost it," a source tells the magazine. "He's saying she attacked him."



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Jonas fans: Be nice to his mom

PEOPLE There's one simple rule for dating this teenage rocker: Nick Jonas is only interested in girls that get along with his mother.

The 16-year-old Jonas Brothers singer — who previously dated Miley Cyrus — says his ideal girlfriend is "someone who's good to my mom, that's very important."

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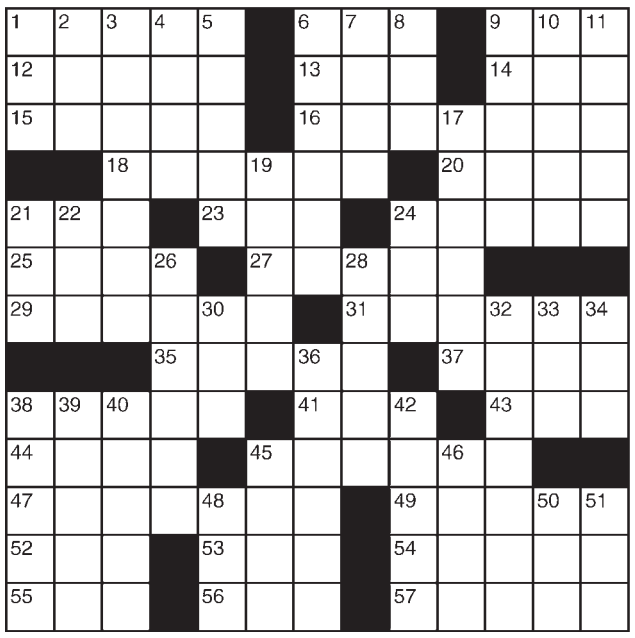

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15 Preamble
16 Rifle attachment
18 Drink
20 Chaste
21 Field, briefly
23 La preceder
24 Stickup
25 Mines' output
27 Grill brand
29 Potassium source
31 Los Angeles suburb
35 Jargon
37 The Red and the Black
38 Summarize
41 Legal thing
43 Recipe meas.
44 Astringent
45 Family cars
47 Group of secretaries?
49 Hugh Laurie title role
52 Greek H
53 Brewery product
54 Signed a contract
55 Lair
56 "For Me and My —"
57 Borscht necessity

Crossword down

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3 Chatroom frequenter, e.g.
4 Bacterium
5 Unkempt ones
6 Outfielder's slip-up
7 Highland hillside
8 Weep
9 Boredom
10 Ogler's looks
11 Sacred song
17 "Lakme" and "Lulu"
19 Hawkeye
21 Drew's daytime-TV predecessor
22 401(k) alternative
24 Yon maiden
26 Antipasto ingredient
28 Greeted the villain
30 Pinch
32 Obi toggle
33 Petrol
34 Kreskin's claim
36 Hansel's sis
38 Sped
39 Cheer up
40 Castro, e.g.
42 Master, in old India
45 Actress Ward
46 Zilch
48 Kvetch
50 Collection
51 Mag. staffers

Sudoku

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Spaghetti with Scallops, Asparagus and Swiss Chard

INGREDIENTS:
2/3 lb (300 g) spaghetti
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
12-oz (350 g) scallops, quartered if large
7 oz (200 g) asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2-in. (3-cm) lengths
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated fresh ginger
1/2 lemon, zest grated and juiced
1/2 lb (250 g) Swiss chard leaves, coarsely shredded
1/3 cup (75 ml) water

METHOD:
1. Cook spaghetti in large pot of lightly salted boiling water according to packet instructions. When ready, drain.
2. While pasta is cooking, heat oil in wok or large frying pan over high heat. Add scallops in a single layer and cook, turning occasionally, about 3 minutes or until lightly golden and almost cooked through. Transfer scallops to plate, using slotted spoon, and keep warm.
3. Add asparagus to wok with ginger and lemon zest. Cook, stirring frequently, about 4 minutes until starting to soften.
4. Add Swiss chard leaves to wok and toss lightly. Pour in water, cover wok and cook about 5 minutes until Swiss chard is wilted and asparagus is tender.
5. Return scallops to wok with lemon juice and season to taste. Add spaghetti to wok and gently toss to mix with scallops and asparagus. Serve at once.

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TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A benevolent woman leaves a trail of evidence. A big setback affects someone's emotional state. A sensitive person makes guarded statements.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Pay close attention to a drama queen. An old guy has to obey his conscience. People wearing bland masks will make for a long day.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your routine will change due to a control freak. A mischief-maker concocts thrilling scenarios. An illness initiates contact with an unusual person.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't try to exploit someone in the legal profession. A mystery man interferes with a conclusion. A computer will lead to a new friendship.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
An elder's remark will cause amusement. A bashful friend boasts about your deeds. Avoid any controversy concerning possessions.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A disaster will be avoided. Being spontaneous can bring people together. Having second thoughts about a love affair creates turmoil.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Emotional sensitivity is high in a whirlwind of activity. Rational discussions keep you hopping. A know-it-all blunders into a misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A shameless thief will give you something. An apathetic person stands by the original plan. You'll find somebody to love.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Illness and obligations will come to a head. A cheerful man needs more training. A pitiful cry will reveal much more than you expected.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A prospective partner shares your strong feelings. Avoid others who are busy doing a difficult job. The importance of a decision becomes clear.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
People are talking about a soppy person. Be careful not to get hurt in a tug-of-war. Be considerate when you're with decision-makers.

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